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Political row over expected bid for GEC

Lord Prior set to resign from Barclays board

- Opposition mounted to the £7 billion bid for GEC as the stage was set for Britain's biggest takeover battle.
- The Government was under pressure to thwart any potential foreign-backed takeover. Conservatives faced a split.
- The spectre of the Westland affair was raised, but Whitehall insisted it was a matter for the GEC for now.
- The involvement of Barclays is expected to lead to the first casualty, with Lord Prior quitting its board.

By David Brewerton and Richard Ford

A political storm was brewing last night over the promised £7 billion bid for GEC from a consortium financed by Barclays Bank.

GEC, Britain's biggest manufacturing employer, faces dismemberment if the bid is successful.

The bid, already condemned by Opposition MPs and trade union leaders, also faces a critical examination by both the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Trade and Industry.

The Government came under strong pressure to block any potential foreign-backed takeover as the issue threatened to cause deep divisions within the Conservative Party.

But ministers were standing firm against calls for immediate action on the proposal as Whitehall insisted it was a matter for the management of the company if and when a firm bid materialized.

The prospect of foreign control of such an important company with so many crucial British defence contracts raised the spectre of the Westland affair.

However several backbench Conservative MPs suspect that the idea is a defensive move aimed at forcing an investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission into the £1.7 billion bid by GEC and Siemens of West Germany for Plessey.

It is Plessey's merchant bank which has come up with the so-called Pac-Man defence by turning the tables on GEC itself.

The first casualty of the battle, which brings together several of the protagonists from the Westland affair, is likely this morning when the involvement of Barclays is expected to bring the resignation of Lord Prior, the GEC chairman, from the Barclays board.

A company owned by Sir John Cuckney, who retires as chairman of the Westland helicopter group next month, announced at the weekend it was talking to other international companies about joining in a bid for GEC.

The consortium members have not been named by the merchant bank behind the plan, Lazard Brothers, which is headed by Sir John Nott, the former Secretary of State for Defence, but they include companies from France and the United States which would acquire parts of the GEC empire.

The key member is Plessey, which would take over GEC's half share in its joint telecommunications company, GEC Plessey Telecommunications (GPT), if the bid from Sir John Cuckney's company, Metsun Limited, goes through.

Other members of the consortium said to be backing the move on Britain's largest engineering company are the government-owned French group Thomson-CSF, the British group STC, which owns International Computers, AT&T of the US and possibly General Electric, the unconnected US giant.

Each would be looking for "pickings" from the dismembered corpse of GEC, which was built up to Britain's largest manufacturing business in the 1960s and 70s through audacious takeovers.

Sir John Cuckney is also banking on help from within GEC itself, where there are said to be discontented managers who would like the opportunity to own direct stakes in parts of the business.

Sir John Cuckney, a veteran of the Westland Affair which claimed the jobs of two Cabinet ministers, is hoping that the Prime Minister will back the bid.

GEC said last night the move was "a self-interested attempt by the board of Plessey and its advisers to form a consortium to break up the GEC and thereby save Plessey, in the short term, regardless of the cost to British industry in terms of lost opportunities and lost jobs".

Lord Weinstock, GEC managing director, vowed to press on with the joint bid for Plessey.

GEC shares have been poor performers on the London stock market for years, and a number of powerful institutional shareholders are unhappy with the present situation.

It is relevant that Sir John Cuckney is also chairman of Royal Insurance, which is a shareholder in GEC although the largest shareholder is the Prudential. Sir John also heads the venture capital company 3i.

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Coe back in favour

Sebastian Coe, who was rejected by the British Athletics Board for the Seoul Olympics, is to make his return in a British vest at the European indoor championships in The Hague next month.

He has been chosen for the 800 metres, an event he has not run indoors since setting the world best time of 1min 44.91sec six years ago. The Board's haste in selecting him is seen as an apology for their refusal to send him to Seoul despite their own selectors' desire to do so ..... Page 32

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Japanese defy rain to mourn a

Thousands of mourners braving persistent drizzle in Tokyo yesterday to offer prayers outside the Imperial Palace for the late Emperor and to sign condolence registers there.

Fear of friction over Hirohito funeral plans

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

The funeral of Emperor Hirohito, which has been set for February 24 in Tokyo, will pragmatically combine a traditional Shinto ritual with a non-religious state ceremony.

The mix could cause friction if some Japanese – who want to protect the constitutional divide between state and religion – object to paying for a Shinto ritual, and if some foreign dignitaries prefer not to watch one.

The Japanese Government is still reading the condolence telegrams. Although it says that it has no interest in what it dismisses as funeral diplomacy – "it is entirely up to foreign governments to decide whom to send to the funeral", a Foreign Ministry official said yesterday – ministers are itching to know who will come from where.

The Government thinks that the Prince of Wales will probably attend and President-elect George Bush is to represent the United States. A visit by President Gorbachov would make the Japanese swoon and might even help to defrost relations with Moscow. But diplomats think that a trip by the Soviet leader would be politically difficult and, therefore, unlikely.

Buckingham Palace declined to comment yesterday on speculation that Prince Charles was likely to repesent the Queen, who does not attend funerals of foreign heads of state.

British war veterans and MPs criticized plans for royal representation and drew a parallel with the memorial service for the victims of the Lockerbie air disaster, which no member of the Royal Family attended.

Countries are being given until January 24 to name a representative for the funeral. Some, such as Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, have already declined.

There was an angry outcry from former Australian prisoners-of-war, who suffered badly at the hands of the Japanese forces.

Mr Bruce Ruxton, the president of the Returned Servicemen's League in Victoria, welcomed Hirohito's death, saying: "The RSL won't be sending a wreath. If we did it would be poison ivy."

The Japanese Foreign Ministry was yesterday pencilling in about 40 leaders among the 100 foreign envoys it expects to attend. It wants to use the occasion for Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Prime Minister, to meet heads of state.

In all, the Government expects about 10,000 official mourners. Police estimate that one million people will line the 32-mile route of the procession through Tokyo in an event lasting nine hours.

In line with custom, Hirohito will assume the name of

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Gorbachov gloom on economy

Moscow will begin to scrap chemical weapons

From Philip Jacobson in Paris and Our Correspondent in Moscow

The Soviet Union will unilaterally start to destroy its chemical weapons stock this year, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

He made the announcement in Paris at the 140-nation conference on chemical weapons, and said the Soviet Union would not wait for a global ban.

Meanwhile in Moscow, President Gorbachov said that the Kremlin needed more military budget cuts to boost the country's economy.

In his bleakest assessment so far of the Soviet economic situation after almost four years in power, he said: "Decisive and harsh measures" were needed to cut spending in a number of areas.

Mr Gorbachov told a meeting of Soviet intellectuals in a speech published at the weekend: "We must also examine our defence spending. A preliminary study shows that we can cut it (the spending) without diminishing the security and defence capabilities" of the Soviet Union. Mr Gorbachov had pledged in a speech to the United Nations on December 7 that, together with troop cuts of 500,000, his country's defence industry was being restructured and channelled towards production of consumer goods in short supply.

Mr Shevardnadze told the Paris meeting that the elimination of its chemical weapons stockpile would start this year "at a facility built for that purpose".

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But a senior official with the US delegation said that the USSR was only "playing catch-up" in response to two years of initiatives previously undertaken by Washington.

"What the Soviets have suggested today is a response to what the US has done, is doing and will continue to do," he said, pointing out that the US had abandoned all production in 1969 – almost two decades before Moscow had followed suit.

In a comment on Mr Gorbachov's Moscow speech, the head of the influential USA and Canada Institute, Mr Georgy Arbatov, said that the measures were only a first step, but did not say that further spending cuts were envisaged.

Moscow only admits to spending 4 per cent of its budget, or 20.2 billion roubles (£20.2 billion), annually on defence, while Western estimates put the real figure at 18 per cent of the budget.

Soviet officials have promised to publish details of the military budget only after a planned price reform is complete, around 1990.

Detailing the country's economic woes in his first big speech since cutting short his visit to the United States in December because of the Armenian earthquake, Mr Gorbachov blamed the "ex

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Consultants to lose life-long contracts

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Newly appointed consultants will no longer be automatically entitled to a job for life, under government proposals for the reform of the National Health Service.

The White Paper on the NHS review is expected to include measures to impose tougher controls on hospital consultants in an attempt to ensure that they fulfil their NHS contracts.

Health service managers will be given greater powers to be involved in the appointment of consultants and in their "merit" payments.

The crackdown has been prompted by concern that a minority of doctors are abusing their NHS contracts through taking on too much private practice or spending too long "on the golf course", and consequently failing to carry out all their NHS sessions.

Plans to introduce fixed five-year contracts for all consultants are understood to have been dropped, but sources indicated yesterday that newly appointed consultants would no longer be given contracts for life.

The contracts, which are now issued by regional health authorities, would specify that consultants be subject to "periodic review". This would give managers far more flexibility to alter contracts

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Union leaders call for government inquiry

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Union leaders last night demanded a government inquiry into the threatened takeover of GEC and promised to mount a campaign to fight any threat to jobs and future employment.

Virtually every union has members in the company, which is one of Britain's largest employers.

Mr John Edmonds, General Secretary of the GMB general union said: "Lord Young should intervene immediately to stop these Dallas-style antics from damaging Britain's defence and engineering industries".

Mr Gavin Laird, General Secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said: "I fear the prospect of a French or American led 'rationalization' programme with a cutback in jobs and the cash mountain GEC has built up ending abroad rather than being invested in this country".

Hostages hamper Iran talks

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The rapprochement between Britain and Iran has slowed because of the continued imprisonment in Tehran of Mr Roger Cooper, accused in the Iranian press of spying, and the lack of progress on the fate of British hostages held in Beirut by pro-Iranian groups.

Although the countries are due to exchange ambassadors soon, Whitehall sources said yesterday that the Government would "think very hard" before doing so unless there was progress.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is to emphasize this concern to Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, in Paris today. Both are attending the international chemical weapons conference.

In a BBC radio interview yesterday, Mr Waldegrave said: "We are not seeing ... much improvement on the hostages, where we still do believe that the Iranians have some influence.

"We think there are serious and important people in Iran who would like to see the hostage situation settled ... and we will be emphasizing (to Dr Velayati) that until that happens there can really be no hope of warm relations between our two countries."

Iran said last year that it would use its influence with Shia groups in Beirut thought to be holding Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Mr John McCarthy, a journalist, and Mr Brian Keenan, a teacher with dual Anglo-Irish nationality. But Whitehall sources doubt that Tehran has carried out this promise.

The sources confirmed that the same remarks applied to Mr Cooper's detention.

Peer wants to dig up ancestor's college bequest

By Craig Seton

An extraordinary quirk of fate will emerge at a public inquiry tomorrow which will involve a leading British peer in plans that deny the dying wishes of one of his ancestors.

The inquiry at Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, is into a scheme by Pioneer, the aggregate company, to extract more than two million tonnes of sand and gravel from a site at Wasperton Farm, next to the village of Barford, near Warwick.

The land was bequeathed in 1755 to St John's College, Oxford, by Richard Rawlinson, a landowner whose apparent wishes were that it was preserved.

One of his descendents is Lord Rawlinson, the former Conservative MP for Epsom and Attorney-General, who is non-executive chairman of Pioneer Concrete Services, the company that has bought the rights to extract sand and gravel from the land from St John's College for an undisclosed sum.

Another of Richard Rawlinson's descendents, Mrs Georgian Tashjian of Los Angeles, is sending a representative to tell the public inquiry that the extraction plans are contrary to the stated wishes of her ancestor.

Lord Rawlinson yesterday said: "I am certainly not denying that it is a quirk and a coincidence, but I do not think my ancestor will be turning in his grave." He was "not in the least" compromised by the fact that an ancestor had owned the land.

"It has amused me, but I am non-executive chairman and it happened several hundred years ago. What was in the terms of the bequest is a matter for St John's," he said.

Lord Rawlinson emphasized that he believed the land would be restored to its former condition once the extraction had finished.

Mr Brian Lancaster, chairman of the Barford Residents Association, which is fighting the plan, said: "St John's is the richest college in Oxford. I regard it as greed and blind arrogance that they have sold the mineral rights to Pioneer."

He said Richard Rawlinson had sold other land in order to keep Wasperton Farm, and had bequeathed it to St John's.

Mr Lancaster said villagers were afraid of noise, traffic and dust pollution. They had raised £20,000 to hire an advocate to oppose Pioneer.

Dr Leslie Macfarlane, fellow in politics at St John's and estates bursar, said Pioneer's rights were dependent on planning permission.

He said that by selling the rights the college was raising money not just only for itself but for the university.

"We have entered into an agreement that is legally binding if Pioneer get planning permission."

He had no knowledge of Richard Rawlinson making specific conditions for the land. He said Richard Rawlinson's heart was preserved in a chapel at Oxford University, and added: "He probably left the land to save his soul. That is why most people leave land."

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MPs call for a 'saver's Budget'

Mr Nigel Lawson and senior Treasury officials ended a weekend briefing on the outline for the Chancellor's sixth Budget amid growing division among Conservative MPs about his strategy. As MPs return to Westminister tomorrow, Mr Lawson is preparing for a debate on the economy with his management of the nation's finances under question from both the Opposition and some of his own backbenchers.

With high interest rates and increases in mortgage rates affecting industry and homebuyers, Mr Lawson will defend his strategy of dampening the consumer boom.

He is expected to have a between £13 billion and £15 billion budget surplus at his disposal and, as he and his Treasury colleagues met at his country residence at Dorneywood, Buckinghamshire, backbench MPs were advising him to make it a Budget for savers.

Docks strike threat

The leader of Britain's dockers said yesterday he expected a national strike if the Government moved to abolish the National Dock Labour Scheme, which guarantees employment for life. Mr John Connolly, national docks secretary for the Transport and General Workers' union said: "We believe we would win a strike". But Mr Nicholas Finney, director of the National Association of Port Employers, speaking also on BBC television's *The Money Programme*, said the industry did not fear a strike and freedom from the scheme would be a prize worth having.

Prince angers farmers

Farmers yesterday reacted angrily after the Prince of Wales condemned the "excessive and unacceptable" use of chemicals in a message to an organic farming conference in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, at the weekend. Tenant farmers on his Duchy of Cornwall land say they could convert to organic methods only if the Prince reduced their rent. If he pushed them into chemical-free farming without cutting their overheads, many would go out of business, they said.

Hume's 1989 hopes

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, yesterday said he hoped to see progress towards a nuclear-free world and a "global village" in 1989. "What I am really hoping is that with the wonderful events that have been going on in Russia, and the visit of Mr Gorbachov to the US, we can look forward to making our world a nuclear-free world", he said on BBC Radio 2's *Good Morning Sunday* programme. On church unity he said: "We have to face up much more to those things that divide us".

Suspect home today

David Evans, the man wanted for questioning about the murder of the schoolgirl Anna Humphries, will be brought back to Britain from France today. Mr Evans, aged 31, a farm worker from Bettisfield on the Shropshire -- North Wales border, is expected to be charged with the murder of Anna, aged 15, within 24 hours of his return. He will be interviewed at Wrexham police station and taken before magistrates there. Last night Det Supt Gareth Jones, the deputy head of North Wales CID who led the hunt for Mr Evans, flew to Paris to complete his extradition.

£10,000 Tube reward

London Underground yesterday offered a £10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of two men who stabbed to death a tourist at Holborn station. Hakan Koseoglu, aged 17, a Turkish-born student, was knifed repeatedly on December 9 while out shopping. Det Supt John Lewis, leading the investigation, said that less than two hours before the killing the men had twice robbed other people on the Underground.

Firms 'putting stability above cost of big rises'

By Roland Rudd and Tim Jones

Government fears of inflationary wage rises have been fuelled by independent research which suggests that employers are putting the chance of achieving industrial stability above the cost of above-average pay settlements.

According to Industrial Relations Services, the wage trend at a time when management and unions embark on a key negotiating period will make grim reading for Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor.

The survey shows that in spite of uncertainty over the future inflation rate, employers continue to offer long-term deals guaranteeing pay increases directly linked to cost-of-living factors. Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State of Employment, is urging employers to turn their backs on the "outmoded concept" of awarding annual pay rises in line with the cost of living. Few are expected to heed his call, as union leaders press for substantial increases above the inflation rate.

Talks resume today at Peugeot-Talbot after the union rejected an increase of 4.5 per cent in 1987-88 followed by 5 per cent this November. Nine thousand manual workers at Jaguar will this week vote on whether to accept their shop stewards' advice to reject a two-year pay deal worth 8 per cent.

Union leaders at Rolls-Royce in Derby will press their claim for an 8.2 per cent increase after the 5,000-strong workforce rejected an offer between 5.65 per cent and 6.2 per cent and began an indefinite overtime ban. Car industry talks will be influenced by the Nissan two-year agreement, offering the 2,000 workers a 15 per cent increase this year followed by an increase in line with inflation plus 2.5 per cent, or 7.5 per cent, whichever is the greater.

The TUC is urging more workers to take up their right to attend union-organized training courses as part of a campaign, launched today, to reverse what it sees as a mounting death toll from employment-related accidents and illness. It believes not enough is done to make employers aware of their responsibilities. The TUC says emphasis on health and safety at work has been reduced through privatisation and rivalry.

Mr Alistair Hatchett, editor of the Incomes Data Services, the pay specialists, yesterday predicted a worrying time for the Government.

He said: "Since November when people have been aware of higher inflation, wage rises have tended to be in the 7-8 per cent margins instead of the 5-6 per cent earlier on in 1988. The Nissan deal is going to add to the inflationary climate."

Union leaders representing more than 100,000 manual workers in the electricity and gas industries press this week for substantial pay increases above the inflation rate. They say they have a strong case because of productivity increases.

Elsewhere, the rise in inflation has increased tension in pay negotiations covering two-year deals. British Coal rejected the Union of Democratic Mineworkers' claim for a "substantial improvement" in its offer of a rise worth about 7 per cent for 1988-89, followed by an inflation-linked increase from November this year.

Both sides have agreed to refer the dispute to an independent arbitrator, whose decision will be final and binding on both sides.

The National Union of Seamen (NUS) and the British Shipping Federation will meet tomorrow to discuss the National Maritime Board pay rates after seamen voted to reject a 6 per cent increase.

Mr Sam McClusky, the NUS general secretary, said that although he did not want a "confrontation", he would have no alternative but to begin a ballot on industrial action if the owners fail to increase their offer.

Fowler set to step up war against benefit fraud

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government last night promised to intensify its war against the black economy as Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, disclosed that investigators last year prevented a record £65 million in benefit fraud.

In a move to spread the net wider, the Government is to prosecute employers who knowingly hire people who draw unemployment benefit.

The practice has become so widespread in London and the South-east that a special squad is being established to carry out investigations in problem areas. Construction sites, taxi firms and the catering industry will receive special attention.

Last year 450,000 investigations of benefit fraud led to more than 90,000 people withdrawing their claims. More than 4,000 people were prosecuted. Mr Fowler said: "These figures show that a significant number of people are drawing unemployment benefit when they are in fact working.

"The vast majority of benefit claimants are genuinely unemployed but these investigations show there is a serious problem.

"I am determined to intensify the drive against this fraud and the black economy in 1989."

He said that with 700,000 job vacancies, 140,000 of them in London, there was no excuse for people to work in the black economy and claim unemployment benefit.

The latest investigation was conducted around Manchester airport and abuse was revealed mainly among private hire and mini-car drivers, hotels, catering and cleaning.

Of 613 people investigated, 292 stopped claiming benefit and 58 cases are being considered for prosecution. The exercise, which cost £50,000, is estimated to have achieved savings of £250,000.

In Nottingham last year 444 door-to-door sales people were investigated and 213 withdrew their claim to benefit, resulting in savings of £128,000. In the West Midlands 5,000 private hire and mini-cab drivers were investigated and 500 withdrew their claims, resulting in savings of £500,000.

Prayers for Lockerbie victims



Children from Dryfesdale Sunday School at Lockerbie, which reopened yesterday after the Pan Am jumbo jet disaster which wrecked part of their town, joining in prayers for the 270 crash victims.

Grieving American family 'given wrong body'

Officials in Lockerbie were yesterday investigating a claim that the family of a young American student killed in the Pan Am disaster was given the wrong body.

Only hours before the funeral of Karen Hunt, aged 20, in her home town of Rochester, New York, medical examiners told the family the body was not that of their daughter. The mix-up was discovered when dental records and X-rays did not tally.

Mr Robert Hunt said: "I know my daughter is still out there somewhere, either in Scotland, unidentified, or shipped somewhere else".

The Hunts were told on Tuesday that Karen's body had been identified and they planned the funeral for last Friday. It has been postponed indefinitely.

Dumfries and Galloway police confirmed other medical examinations were being carried out by pathologists as investigations into the apparent mix up continued. Meanwhile, search teams were combing a huge area of the Border country.

The search has centered on a 22 square mile area around the Harwood Forest in Northumberland.

● Prayers were said for the victims of the Lockerbie air disaster by members of the Royal Family during morning service at Sandringham yesterday.

Privatization plans

Heseltine joins water debate

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Michael Heseltine will underline his ambition to lead the Conservative Party by publishing a pamphlet this week strongly supporting the privatization of water.

He is eager to show that the alternative Tory prospectus he has been propounding since leaving the Cabinet during the Westland affair does not involve rejection of successful policies such as privatization.

By leavening criticism of the Government with praise he has managed to retain or attract the support of large numbers of Tory MPs in the mainstream of the party.

In his pamphlet, *Investing in Water*, he will claim to be one of the pioneers of privatization, having played a big role in the sale of council houses when he was Secretary of State for the Environment. His positive intervention in the water debate will be privately welcomed by ministers because it is an issue on which many Conservative backbenchers are jittery.

The pamphlet, published by the Conservative Political Centre, is co-authored by Sir Anthony Grant, Conservative MP for South West Cambridgeshire, and will emphasize the need to protect the environment and to ensure that the benefits of Britain's economic success are not felt just in the South.

They will argue that privatization will lead to cleaner water because the industry will be freed of the Treasury-imposed capital restraints that have prevented essential investment. They add that another improvement will be the establishment of an independent body to ensure that water authorities do not breach environmental guidelines.

However, Mr Heseltine will qualify his support by calling for strict conditions to ensure that the finer countryside owned by the industry is protected.

He will also argue that the 10 water authorities are bulwarks against the concentration of wealth in the South-east and should be protected from hostile takeover for three years to allow them to adjust to the free market.

The Water Bill begins its committee stage tomorrow.

18-month undercover mission

Bomb factory man 'was in King plot'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

One of two men wanted by Scotland Yard after the discovery of an IRA bomb factory in south London is now thought to have been operating undercover in Britain for up to 18 months and taking part in an IRA assassination plan.

He has been identified as the missing fourth man in an IRA team reconnoitring targets in Britain in 1987 and caught plotting an attack on Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

According to Whitehall sources yesterday Patrick Sheehy, who fled with another man after shooting a man in Clapham, south-west London, before Christmas, is thought to be the man whose photograph appears in false documents found in September 1987 by Wiltshire police. The papers were found when police arrested two men and a woman after a couple were seen spying on Mr King's country home.

The IRA stepped up its terror campaign in Belfast against suspected police informers over the weekend. On Saturday gunmen took over a Falls Road house and ambushed two men in their twenties. They were beaten and dragged into an alley where they were shot, one in both ankles and elbows, and the other in the thigh. A man aged 18 was forced into a car in West Belfast, shot in both knees and dumped on wasteland.

● Harry Kirkpatrick, an informer, was beaten up and badly burnt in a fight last month between republican and "loyalist" supergrasses in Meghaberry prison, Co Down.

Police found no sign of arms or explosives but they did discover a copy of a combat survival magazine open at an article on sniping. Finbar Cullen, John McCann and Martina Shanahan, all from the Irish Republic, were convicted at Winchester Crown Court last autumn and jailed for two offences of conspiracy to murder.

The trial disclosed a target list of 19 political and military figures and evidence that a booking had been made for a hotel in Blackpool weeks before the Conservative Party conference. There was evidence the unit had also operated in London.

When the trio was found police were known to be looking for up to three other members of the unit. Police believe Sheehy has changed his appearance since the photograph was taken, removing a moustache.

Sheehy and the missing second man have also been linked by police with the bombing of Inglis barracks in north London last summer in which a soldier was killed.

Scotland Yard, who are now co-operating with Wiltshire police, still believe the two men are hiding somewhere in Britain. Yesterday London officers were questioning a woman arrested over the weekend under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Private care splits pit union

A private health care scheme launched by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers looked set last night to split the union.

Members outside Nottinghamshire have accused the union's executive of "stabbing nurses in the back".

Mr Dick Emery, of the south Derbyshire branch of the union who represents 3,500 members in south Derbyshire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire, said: "I am disgusted and totally against the scheme.

"This is a stab in the back for our colleagues in Nupe and Cohse, who are fighting hospital closures."

Tunnel Gun Club

Our report (September 17) about the hand-in of some 170 weapons by the Tunnel Rifle and Pistol Club of Devizes described them as "illegal" firearms.

We accept that the weapons were in fact lawfully held, and were handed over by the Wiltshire Shooting Centre, an associated organization. They were thus disposed of not because they were illegal, but because they had become unsaleable and surplus, and the centre wished to set an example by handing them in.

No suggestion of impropriety was intended, and we apologize to the club, the centre and their sister organization, Wiltshire Ballistic Services, for any embarrassment our report may have caused.

Hastings chess tournament

Speelman regains his poise to win

By Raymond Keene and Harry Golombek

A dramatic clash between Nigel Short and Jon Speelman, Britain's two best players, dominated Saturday's ninth round of the Foreign and Colonial Grandmaster tournament at Hastings.

Short, rated third in the world, playing white, launched a fierce attack but faltered and allowed the initiative to pass to Speelman, rated fourth.

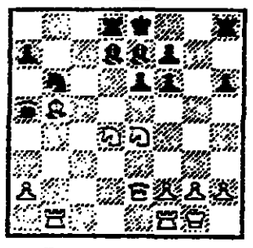
With both players extremely short of time Speelman suddenly offered to draw the game. Inexplicably, Short, with his position tottering, in an act of desperate bravado, declined the offer.

Within a few moves, Speelman regained his poise and finished Short off. Short resigned on move 35.

After his tense victory, Speelman, visibly exhausted, breathed a highly audible sigh of relief and exclaimed: "Thank God that's over".

Murray Chandler and Boris Gulko played a careful positional game, agreeing an uneventful draw.

Viktor Korchnoi built up a solid position against Tony Kosten, which gave the former world championship challenger a strong grip on the game. In trying to cope with middle game complications, Kosten ran into difficulties and finally exceeded the time limit at the thirty-first move.



End of play positions

Vassily Smyslov had a long struggle with Bent Larsen, a draw finally being agreed on the sixteenth move.

Speelman now holds a clear lead with a score of 5½ points from 9 possible.

Other scores after nine completed rounds: Speelman 5½, Short and Korchnoi 5, Gulko and Smyslov 4½, Chandler and Larsen 4, Kosten 3½.

Short: white		Speelman: black	
1 e4	c6	19 gxf3	cxd4
2 d4	d5	20 0-0	dxe8
3 cx3	dxe4	21 ea4	ex7
4 ex4	ch7	22 da4	hf8
5 cx4	gxf6	23 fxd1	hx5
6 gx5	ex6	24 gx3	hx5
7 ex2	hx8	25 hx5	dx5
8 hx3	hx8	26 hx3	hx5
9 5fxf3	cx5	27 dx4	hx4
10 hx4	hxd5	28 rx1	ax2
11 ex5	ax5	29 hx3	hx4
12 dx2	hx5	30 grf5	erf5
13 ex4	hxx4	31 fx4	hx6
14 cx4	hx6	32 ax1	dx2
15 hx4	hx4	33 ex2	ex6
16 hx1	ax5	34 fx5	ax2
17 hx5	dx7	35 ex1	axd6
18 h6	gx16	White resigns	

Help for galleries

Modern art fund launched

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

The National Art Collections Fund (NACF), the art charity which last year helped Britain's museums and galleries to acquire works worth £10.5 million, is coming to the aid of museums and galleries in their quest to collect modern art in the face of soaring prices.

A Modern Art Fund is being launched by the Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, this evening at the NACF's Sotheby's exhibition of its acquisitions for the nation. The new fund aims to create an endowment to realize £250,000 a year to buy post-1930s art for the nation, separately from the NACF's main fund, which will be for more traditional acquisitions.

A development board drawn from the business world has been formed which Sir Peter Wakefield, NACF director, expects to deliver £3 million in three years to create the endowment.

He said: "What we are trying to do is separate the funding so that people who are interested in modern art can give it to a special fund with the surety that it will be spent on nothing else".

A trawl by the NACF of museums and galleries showed a need to build up twentieth century art collections, but that they were not turning to the fund because they did not expect a sympathetic response.

"Our twentieth century holdings throughout the country are not strong enough compared with, say, the nineteenth century, and it is a very sad situation which we want to remedy", Sir Peter said.

A number of corporate collections of modern art have been developing in the City where the NACF has useful contacts. Its chairman is Sir Nicholas Goodison, former chairman of the Stock Exchange, now head of the Trustee Savings Bank.

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Parents may have to guarantee good behaviour by pupils

By David Tytler
Education Editor

A growing shortage of experienced managers could defeat government plans to cut Inner London Education Authority spending by more than £70 million next year and could lead to a "major breakdown" of services.

A report by senior Ilea executives urges the authority to ask the Government to raise the amount it can levy on rates by about £40 million next year. That would mean a cut in the Ilea budget of £35 million.

Parents of disruptive children may be asked to sign a contract of good behaviour with their children and the schools before suspended pupils are allowed to return to the classroom.

The contract is expected to one of the recommendations of the government inquiry into school discipline when it reports next months, several weeks later than expected.

The inquiry, headed by Lord Elton, was set up last March by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in the wake of growing complaints from some of the education unions that teachers were coming under increasing threat of violence.

Draft reports of the inquiry team indicate that Lord Elton, a former Home Office minister, has largely rejected those claims. But the inquiry will recommend that all incidents of violence in schools are recorded on a national register so for the first time it will be possible to have an accurate picture of classroom violence.

The committee's main recommendations will be designed to deal with the growing tendency towards abusive and disruptive behaviour.

The committee sees that as the teacher's biggest problem.

Mr Peter Dawson, general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers, said: "It all sounds very wet. Anybody who thinks teachers today face nothing more serious than answering back are just not living in the real world."

However, Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "I do hope we are not going to be diverted into a debate about whether or not there has been an increase in incidents of violence distracting us from the main problems". The Elton committee wants to see a change in teacher training, giving more emphasis to practical teaching skills and methods of dealing with difficult classes.

There should also be closer co-operation between parents and schools and a system of praising and rewarding good behaviour, the committee believes.

Mr Hart added: "A survey of hours showed that the far greater problem is disruptive behaviour; the grinding wear of consistent abusive behaviour from an increasing minority of pupils who are out of sympathy with their schools. There are a number of things that can be done, including the adequate provision of special units to deal with disruptive pupils, but that is not the only solution.

"There should be swift transfer of pupils who would benefit from a fresh start in another school. But we also have to look for much greater parental assistance and a more positive approach to good behaviour.

"We should also examine the curriculum to see that it is sufficiently stimulating. There is no doubt that some children are switched off by their lessons and it is by no means certain that the national curriculum will solve this particular problem.

"All these matters need to be swept up and dealt with in one package. And if Elton has not done this then he has fallen down on the job. We do not want a candy floss solution where the teacher is patted patronizingly on the head and told things are not as bad as all that."

Business booms at the MGB bodyshop

NICK ROGERS



The bodybuilders — all former MGB craftsmen — among the sought-after classic sports car shells they are turning out from their Oxfordshire workshop.

British Motor Heritage is to increase production of the MGB, Britain's best loved sports car, at the new body shell production plant at Faringdon, Oxfordshire (Ruth Gledhill writes).

BMH, a wholly owned independent subsidiary of the Rover Group, is to increase body shell output by half.

The company admits to being "extremely surprised" by the demand for the car, scrapped a decade ago by British Leyland, now the Rover Group.

Mr David Fisher, the director of BMH, said he originally expected to produce up to 300 right-hand drive shells at a rate of about five a week, from May last year. But by the end of 1988, production had doubled and from yesterday the factory was working to 15 a week, near its maximum capacity of 20, and with orders up to the end of this year.

Two more men have been employed, bringing the total to 14 and Mr Fisher is looking for an apprentice. All the employees so far are retired MGB craftsmen.

BMH is now thinking of producing complete cars.Profits from the £1,395 body shell go to the British motor industry's Heritage Trust.

Corporate fraud costs £1.5bn

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

White collar crime is costing British industry £1.5 billion a year and has forced a number of companies into liquidation, according to a report published today.

Employee theft is indentified as the most prevalent of corporate crimes, while computer fraud, bribery, espionage and insider-dealing also take their toll.

The report, for corporate defence specialists, Saladin Security, showed that in a survey of 202 large and medium-size UK companies, 54 per cent had experienced corporate fraud, although only 10 per cent regarded it as a threat.

White Collar Crime in the UK (Saladin Security, 7 Abingdon Road, London W8 6AH; £250).

Publishers agreement in danger

Bookshops' price war threat

By Robin Young

Publishers and booksellers yesterday scorned claims that Britain's fastest growing chain of bookshops plans to overturn the Net Book Agreement and start a price war.

The move has been mooted by Pentos, which owns 38 Dillons bookshops and 12 Athena stores. Pentos has 210,000 square feet of selling space, of which about 170 square feet was added last year. The group at present claims about 5 per cent of book sales in Britain, but aims to treble its market share within five years.

Mr Terry Maher, company chairman, said yesterday he would not say when Pentos would start discounting prices on new books but predicted that it would be this year. A director of a leading publishing company, Hodder & Stoughton, said yesterday: "He said that last year too, and in 1987, if I recall."

Insiders in the publishing industry are sceptical that Mr Maher's prediction will be fulfilled this year either.

The Net Book Agreement is one of the few remaining areas of retail price maintenance in Britain. The book trade was specifically exempted from Mr Edward Heath's abolition of RPM in the 1960s because it was feared that without it the number of titles published would fall and many small bookshops would be put out of business.

In fact, many books are already published outside the NBA and are subject to discounting from the moment they appear. Pentos reckons discounted books already represent about 3 per cent of its sales.

If a bookshop chain chose to defy the agreement and to start price cutting on books published under it, the almost certain consequence would be that the Publishers' Association would apply for an injunction to stop the sales, would refuse to supply the chain with net books again, and would expel from membership any net book publisher who did so.

Mr Maher says that increased sales would make the discounting worthwhile. Others doubt that price cutting could obtain any long term advantage.

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

Three winners shared last week's £8,000 Portfolio prize.

Dr Michael Hawkes, aged 61, of Wolverton, Basingstoke, Hampshire, will give some money to charity.

Mr James McLaren, aged 63, a retired school caretaker, of Jodrell Street, Nuneaton, will spend his winnings on his home.

Mrs Ruth James, aged 51, of Warwick Road, Ashford, Middlesex, will buy a new gear box for her car.

Murder case

A man who was charged at Dartford in Kent on Saturday with the attempted murder of a police officer is being questioned by detectives investigating the Surrey M25 killing and break-ins.

Exam boycott begins today

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

A boycott of the entire examining process by university dons begins today and will immediately affect undergraduates sitting mid-sessional examinations and those undertaking projects which count towards their degrees.

Although student unions have offered their support for the 33,000 members of the Association of University Teachers, who are taking action in protest at the vice-chancellors' decision not to award them a pay rise this year, individual students may react differently if their careers are disrupted.

The National Union of Students yesterday issued a statement saying it endorsed the action of the university teachers and that it would advise student unions how to explain the teachers' case to individual students.

It is estimated that about 20,000 students may be affected by the disruption of examinations they were expecting to sit this week, but the number will rise. Finals examinations for the summer, which will be sat by about 70,000 students, are set next month.

● Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, has called on the Treasury to end the "confusion" over whether proposals to introduce student loans represent an increase or a cut in public expenditure. He also wants an explanation of the "almost total contradiction" in statements made about the cost of the loan scheme by the Secretary of State for Education.

"Sensible public debate about the merits of different systems of student support — and alternatives to the White Paper's proposals — is undermined so long as the Government is unclear about the purpose of its schemes, and its costing", Mr Straw says.

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Street lighting call

Police woman's night fears

By Stewart Tendler and Mark Souster

More than 95 per cent of people eligible for rewards under the Crimestoppers scheme run by Scotland Yard and a business-inspired charity have declined to claim any money in the first year of the scheme in London. Rewards of between £50 and £500 can be paid by a panel formed by the Community Action Trust. In London, the scheme has resulted in 3,000 calls leading to 161 arrests. Police have recovered £500,000 in stolen property and drugs worth £500,000.

Scotland Yard's senior woman police officer would herself be worried about walking alone at night in some London streets, according to an interview for a Granada television programme tonight on women and crime.

Asked what developments she would like to see in the next 10 years, Commander Thelma Wagstaff, head of a Yard working party on rape, told the programme one key area was better lighting for high-rise buildings and lifts.

She told the programme: "I find it very frightening myself having to get in a lift and go up 10 flights when there's really not much lighting. You are worried that somebody's going to come up behind you."

The programme by the *World in Action* team includes a survey which shows that 90 per cent of the women approached are frightened about going out at night and 67 per cent would go out only when necessary.

Women were asked for the cause of their fear and 41 per cent said they were influenced by what newspapers, ,34 per cent spoke of the general rise in crime and only 4 per cent had been assaulted.

In her interview, Commander Wagstaff said: "I wouldn't say I was totally fearful but I do have certain fear. For example I think there are places in London that I wouldn't like to walk out if I was alone at night."

Commander Wagstaff also suggested that the way police issued warnings might also aggravate fear and the police might be more careful in the way they framed publicity.

She said: "I know it is not acceptable that we don't feel able to walk out on commons late at night or on dark streets but we really do have to take precautions because society is more violent".

She said it was rather silly and naive of a woman to go into a public house after 9pm, accept a casual drinks from a stranger and a lift home.

Commander Wagstaff said one solution to violent crime lay in schools where children should be taught to pay more respect to other individuals.

Another lay with the courts which had become a little lax. Prisons were overcrowded but violent crime should be unacceptable and earn a long prison sentence.

● An ambitious redevelopment programme, costing £2.75 million, has dramatically reduced the fear of crime in an estate in north London.

Eighteen months ago the high-rise Barbot Street Estate in Edmonton, was a bleak inhospitable place in which to live.

"Rape, muggings, arson and petty crime were commonplace. Crime and perhaps more importantly fear of crime kept many residents marooned in their "vertical prisons".

The four vandalized, grafitti-strewn 22-storey tower blocks seemed to exemplify all that was bad about living in "vertical villages".

But in the space of a year, the redevelopment programme, a remarkable example of co-operation between residents, the Safe Neighbourhood Unit and Conservative-controlled Enfield Borough Council, improved the estate.

It is hoped the project will get the seal of approval from the Government when, as expected, Lord Caithness, the Minister for Housing, officially "reopens" the estate in April.

The council brought in the Safe Neighbourhood Unit as counsultants and, after meetings with residents, work began last autumn.

Gone are the broken doors, smashed windows, filth, mess — and with them went the general feeling of despair, coupled with an almost constant diet of crime.

"This is all about adding the human touch and this is what this project is all about", Mr Paul Wright, Edmonton's housing officer, said.

Crime victim awarded £½m

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A crime victim who won £½m compensation — the highest in Britain — for injuries after a four-year legal battle yesterday said he intended to overcome his disabilities and set up a business in Greece.

The Essex man aged 48 had his right leg amputated above the knee and his left hand amputated at mid-forearm. His right wrist is partly paralysed and he can use only the thumb and forefinger of his right hand.

He has bought funfair equipment, engineering machine tools and construction machinery to develop a pleasure park.

He will invest part of his award from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, along with grants from the Greek government, and he plans to have a suitably converted house, a permanent nurse, wheelchair, specially adapted car and artificial limbs.

He aims to make fairground equipment and get the business established so that he can resume painting, playing musical instruments and making model steam engines.

The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, said: "Life is a challenge". He worked in the construction business before he was injured in June 1983.

The compensation board, in its annual report, says the man was badly injured by a train while trying to escape from youths who assaulted him. The victim says he was injured in the attack. He was found lying between two railway tracks.

The report said: "He was unable to cook for himself or carry out personal hygiene . . . He was now unable to work or indulge in his hobbies. He was unable to leave home without the help of friends and spent his time watching television."

He did not go to a rehabilitation centre because there was not one close to his home, but with the aid of his artificial leg he has learnt to walk a little.

He began his fight for compensation in 1983 but was devastated when, he says, the initial British Transport Police investigation concluded he had tried to commit suicide. He denied this and, in response to an advertisement, a witness who saw him being chased came forward.

He appealed against a rejection of his claim and, with the backing of Mr Ken Stokes, coordinator of a victim support scheme, he was eventually awarded £500,000.

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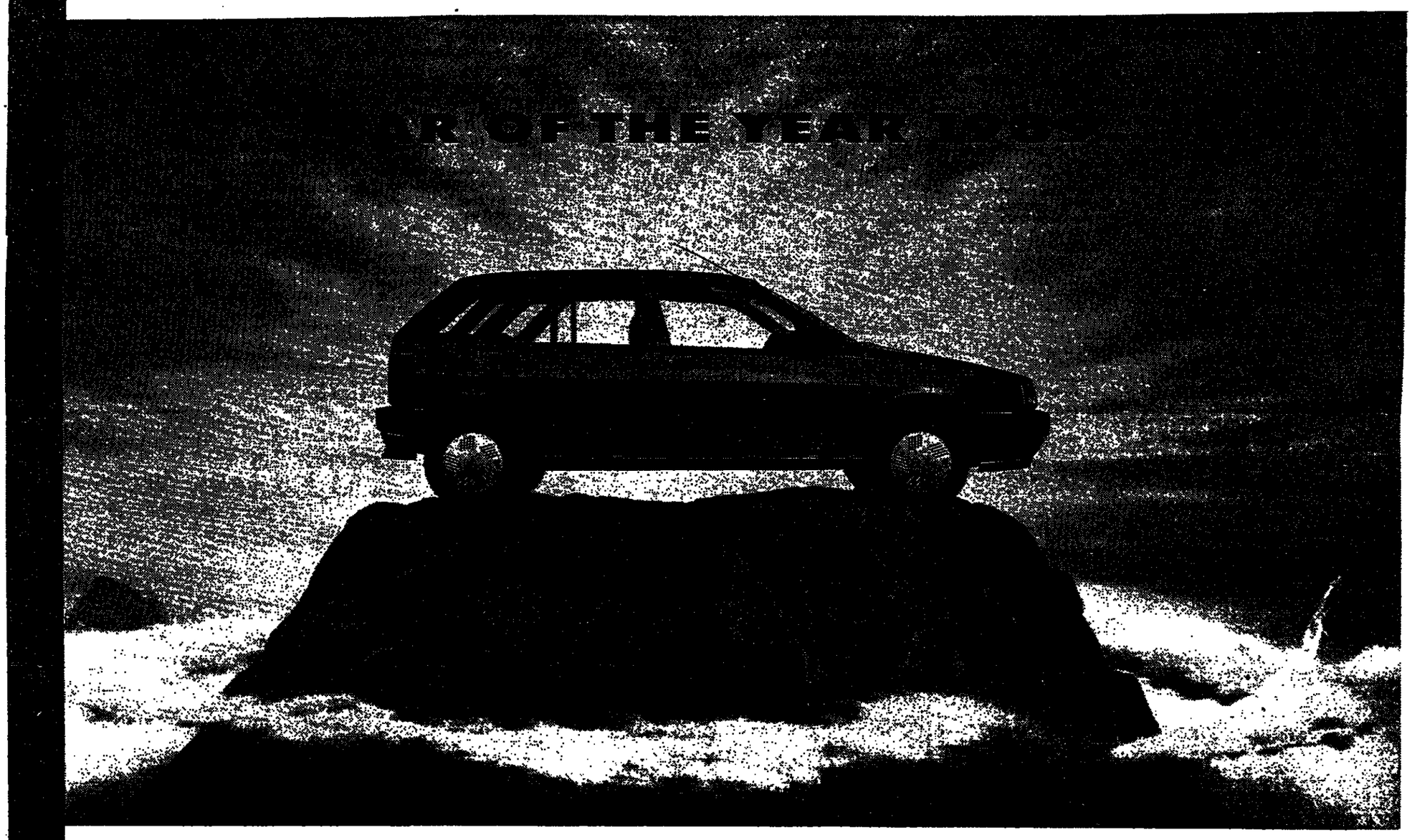
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Plan reveals luxury hotel and business park in tennis and golf centre

Green Belt crusaders to fight sports complex

By Michael Horsnell

Secret development plans which would destroy a large area of ancient woodland are expected to test the Government's determination to keep control over the nation's stock of Green Belt land.

A multi-million pound proposal is on the drawing board to build an international golf and tennis complex with a five-star hotel, conference centre and American-style stadia on a 1,500-acre site amid the wild primroses and herds of fallow deer at Prince's Coverts near Oxshott in Surrey.

Inquiries by *The Times* disclose the organization behind the plan is a small private company with a start-up capital of £75,000. To pay for the complex it is seeking financial partners to build an accompanying business park and luxurious residential property.

The scheme has received the endorsement of Sir Neil Macfarlane, the former sports minister, but he said he had not been informed that commercial and residential development were riding on its back.

The company, which gives itself the sporting motif of The Players Club, lists its address as 100 Park Lane, London W1.

That is the address of the headquarters of the Hammerson Property Investment & Development Corporation. The Players Club has an office there but there is no financial or other link between the two.

The Times has also discovered from a confidential letter indications that the Crown Estate Commission, the owners of the unspoilt woodland, may be keen to conclude a deal in spite of an initial denial from its London office.

Mr Keith Beresford, a chartered patent agent and chairman of the Elmbridge Green Belt and Urban Open Space Association (Evergreen), said: "This is a classic example of a company presenting itself as a sports-orientated organization with plans for the improvement of sporting facilities but very much playing down the vital fact that the whole project would be financed by commercial and residential development on Green Belt land. We shall fight it all the way."

Mr Richard Bate, for the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said: "Open recreational or sports facilities are normally not incompatible with Green Belt. But many developers are greedy in their expectations as to what they might build on the land on the back of what might otherwise be tolerable."

Although Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, has publicly declared against Green Belt encroachment, recent government planning policy guidance to local authorities encourages a more sympathetic approach to applications for sports facilities.

The Players Club is a little known company originally incorporated as Glassneal on July 23, 1984. It has since changed its name twice.

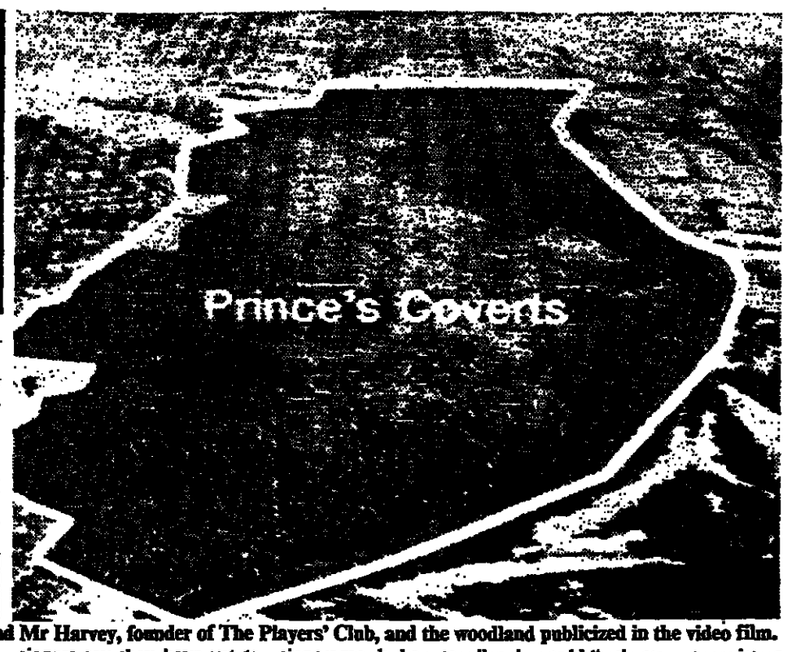
Its capital is held by Players Club Holdings Ltd, of Jersey, whose exotically named shareholders — Olec One Ltd, Olec Two Ltd and Olec Three Ltd — are resident at the offices of Ogier & Cornu, a St Helier firm of advocates and notaries.

Players Club Ltd last filed accounts for the year ended December 1986 and these were qualified by the auditors.

It has applied to the Crown Estate Commission to buy and develop Prince's Coverts into what it calls the European Golf and Tennis Academy and National Training Centre.







Mr Peter Dimmock (top) and Mr Harvey, founder of The Players' Club, and the woodland publicized in the video film.

The Crown Estate Commissioners say they have yet to consider formally the proposal, which includes two 18-hole and a nine-hole "executive" golf courses, two tennis stadia for 8,000 spectators together with an indoor centre with nine courts seating another 6,000 people, and 14 all-weather courts.

A five-star hotel, clubhouse complexes and a range of offices complete the proposal.

In spite of an initial denial by the Crown Estate Commission that negotiations for the sale of the land have begun, however, there are indications the commissioners may be keen to sell and that informal talks have indeed started.

A letter from Mr Henry Clarke, deputy chief executive of the Crown Estate Commission Office, to Mr Michael Harvey, chief executive of The Players Club, says: "Whilst the board has not as yet given its approval to a full planning application being made in respect of the comprehensive scheme, I have been asked to further my discussions with you and your colleagues."

It concludes that a relief road through Oxshott, made necessary by the scheme, could "only serve to assist us in the preparation of a satisfactory strategy".

The Crown Estate Commission confirmed that the letter had been written and sent but none of its officers would comment further.

To pay for the huge development The Players Club emphasizes the need for "developer partners" and admits that an unspecified degree of commercial and residential development would be necessary to finance it.

A glossy 15-minute video film, produced by the company for potential partners, is presented by Mr Peter Dimmock, the former BBC television sports commentator, who is described as a director of The Players Club. His name is not listed as such at Companies House.

He was not available for comment but in his video narrative Mr Dimmock says: "To pay for the European Golf and Tennis Academy the project will have to be underwritten by carefully planned periphery commercial and residential development".

The Players Club has not yet applied for planning permission to Elmbridge council, although an application is expected soon.

Mr Donald McKerrow, chairman of Elmbridge planning committee, said: "If an application is lodged and involves residential and commercial development in the Green Belt it will get the thumbs down.

"So far as I understand it the three golf courses alone will take up about 500 acres and then there is the tennis complex and various buildings. Golf courses might be suitable for the Green Belt but an hotel, commercial and residential development certainly are not."

If a planning application is lodged and refused by the council an appeal is expected to be made to Mr Ridley and a public inquiry ordered.

The proposal is the inspiration of Mr Harvey, founder of The Players Club. He says on the video tape: "We wanted to find the perfect site for establishing the academy and we believe we have found it at Prince's Coverts. The accessibility of the site provides us with a unique opportunity not only to create an academy for the teaching of both golf and tennis but also a new international venue for the staging of major events for both sports".

The video film includes a filmed endorsement of the project by Sir Neil Macfarlane, who says: "I hope it will be successful. It deserves to be. It's exactly what this country needs."

But he told *The Times*: "I had not been informed, when I was filmed, about the proposed property and hotel developments in the scheme. That of course is pie in the sky.

"It is wholly unrealistic in Great Britain to expect anything other than straightforward sporting activities to be approved.

"Sporting facilities are admirable but other developments on their back cannot possibly be contemplated in the Green Belt."

Another endorsement for the scheme is given by Mr Peter Alliss, director of the Professional Golfers Association. He was not available for comment.

Mr Harvey declined to speak to *The Times* but in a statement said: "For some considerable time we have been looking for a suitable location in order to establish a prestigious golf and tennis teaching centre and are still evaluating various sites around the country.

"In this context I can confirm we have approached local landowners regarding a possible site in the Oxshott area".

Unfair purchases

MPs call to curb developers

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

A campaign to prevent property developers buying suburban gardens and playing fields by unfair means has been launched by a group led by Sir Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent North.

The group, formed with help from Hugh Dykes, Conservative MP for Harrow East, who drew attention to the problem, emerged since Sir Rhodes raised the subject on the Queen's Speech debate in November 30.

Sir Rhodes said yesterday that the campaign, which he has called Nimby (Not In My Back Yard), aims to force the Government to legislate to curb developers and speculators who put pressure on local people for their land.

The group hopes that a sympathetic MP will launch a private member's Bill. At present, the law is weighted in favour of the developer, who can make a planning application without even owning the land, and also has a right of appeal against rejection by the local authority.

Sir Rhodes wants legislation to: give a right of appeal to local people; stop property being pulled down without planning permission; refuse permission for a planning application to people who do not own the land; and to refuse permission for changes to playing fields without an automatic calling in of the application to the Secretary of State for the Environment.

● Householders seeking local authority approval for an extension and developers asking for planning permission will in future have to pay the full cost of employing the town hall officials who process their applications, if an Association of District Councils proposal is carried (David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent, writes).

The Conservative-controlled association is discussing whether to ask developers to pay full administrative costs of handling their planning applications. At present, councils are allowed to recoup a maximum of 60 per cent.

Prayer and vigil mark Beirut hostages day

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

A special service to mark the second anniversary of the detention of Mr Terry Waite in Beirut is to be held in Chester Cathedral, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Waite, who was born and brought up in Cheshire, disappeared while trying to make contact with the kidnappers of western hostages.

Meanwhile friends of Mr John McCarthy, one of the hostages Mr Waite was trying to help, are to hold a vigil outside the Iran embassy tomorrow to mark the thousandth day of his detention, and present a petition at No 10.

Mr McCarthy, a television journalist, was captured in April 1986 on his way to Beirut airport.

The service in Chester on January 20 will be broadcast by Radio Stoke, which is jointly sponsoring it with the Church Army, to which Mr Waite belongs.

There will also be a service that day in All Saints Church, Blackheath, south London, of which Mr Waite is a parishioner. Prayers for the release of him and other hostages have been said in the church every day for two years.

Efforts to establish contact with the kidnappers of Mr Waite and Mr McCarthy have drawn little result.

Cross-Channel swims

Chain of command clarified

By David Cross

The Channel Swimming Assocation has approved new rules to clarify the chain of command during attempts, as a result of the death of Renata Agondi, the Brazilian long-distance champion, last summer.

The association decided after a seven-hour weekend meeting at Folkestone, Kent, that the final word in determining whether a swim should continue or be called off should lie with the captain of the escorting boat.

During Agondi's ill-fated swim last August, there was confusion on board the 50ft trawler Hilda May, because her trainer, Senhora Judith Russo, allegedly wanted to continue the crossing while Mr Colin Cook, the pilot, argued that it should be abandoned. Mr Cook felt that Agondi, aged 20, would not be able to complete the crossing because she was swimming in circles and clearly in distress.

In the event, she became unconscious about three miles off the French coast and efforts to resuscitate her on board the Hilda May failed. She is believed to have died of hypothermia, although the full details of the post-mortem examination have not yet been disclosed by the French authorities.

Mr Ray Scott, chairman of the association, said yesterday that there had to be somebody on a boat with ultimate responsibility for deciding whether a cross-Channel swim should continue. "We are now empowering the skipper to stop a swim, if he thinks this is the proper course."

To ensure that all those on board understood the position, the captain, the trainer, the swimmer and the observer for the association would have to sign a document stating that they had "read, understood and agreed to abide" by this new rule, he said.

But the association had decided not to insist that all swimmers from countries with warm climates should undergo a cold-water test of five hours in Dover harbour, Mr Scott said.

The new rule book will, however, detail the problem of hypothermia and explain how it can dull swimmers' senses and make them act irrationally.

Mr Scott acknowledged that the rule changes would not necessarily guarantee complete safety for cross-Channel swimmers. "We've got to admit that there is an element of risk in this type of sport. This is probably why so many people want to try to swim the Channel", he said.

Before the new cross-Channel swimming season opens in July, Mr Scott and his wife, Mrs Audrey Scott, secretary of the association, will explain the new rules to the French authorities.

Meanwhile Mr Cook, Senhora Russo, Mr Mark Lewis, the American observer invigilating Agondi's swim, and Mr Graham Featherbe, the mate of the Hilda May, are still waiting for a full hearing of their court case in Boulogne. They have all been charged under French law with failing to help an endangered person and, if convicted, they could be jailed for up to five years.

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

Searchlight on the exact role of Civil Servants

In Richard Crossman's notorious diaries, a Civil Servant called Frederick Bishop has a walk-on role as the butt of Evelyn Sharp, the great dame running the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Bishop was head of the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources, which threatened her, and Crossman's empire, and was ambushed and pummelled. But six years before that, Bishop had been principal private secretary to the Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, and in the documentation released last week under the 30-year rule, was shown to be a lively confidant.

Reginald Maudling, who was opposing Macmillan's idea of "special commissioners" to go off to the high-unemployment regions and attract industry, was "mistaken", according to a Bishop note. As Bishop was in no obvious way different from his fellow Civil Servants, it has to be assumed others would, and did, act in a similar way, making judgements about ministers, which approaches remarkably close to doing politics.

And nowadays? It is easy to imagine that Mr Charles Powell, or others in Mrs Thatcher's entourage, write her memos telling her minister so-and-so is mistaken. That is the role, presumably, of the confidential adviser which is what Civil Servants are supposed to be. But in tendering such advice, do Civil Servants need to share the values of their political masters and, if they don't, where do they derive their value judgements from?

One place to turn for an answer to that question is Peter Hennessy's compendious book, *Whitehall*, published today a many-room portrait gallery of the men who have made the nation's permanent government.

Yet there remain teasing gaps in the story of what it is that Civil Servants actually do. Was Freddie Bishop, in 1958, making industrial location policy in his advice to Harold Macmillan?

Even in a decade when most new policies have sprung fully-formed from party manifestos, or at least from the stump speeches of ministers, Civil Servants have made a difference — to housing policy, for example, or in the detail of fiscal policy — yet we, the taxpaying public, are none the wiser about the whos and the hows of the process by which Civil Servants make, as opposed to carry out, policies.

In an article in *The Times Literary Supplement* this weekend, Sir Alec Cairncross, a former Treasury chief economic adviser, and hence someone with hands-on experience, identifies the contribution made by Edward Bridges when he was permanent secretary at the Treasury.

He gave the wrong advice, Cairncross says, on two occasions: prematurely urging a return to convertibility for sterling and leading then then Chancellor of the Exchequer, R A Butler, into over-reliance on monetary policy.

On how many other occasions have Civil Servants tendered the wrong advice? The fact is, constitutional doctrine rules that question out of order, as ministers alone are supposed to propose and dispose.

In this respect, Peter Hennessy's book — though it can be read as a paen to the system — is subversive. The more we know about permanent officials, the more we are likely to want to know about their intimate connection with public policy.

That very quest disturbs the comfortable fictions of the parliamentary set-up as it is, and the threadbare notion of ministerial responsibility. The reticence and anonymity of most permanent secretaries is not becoming modesty; it is highly functional.

Whitehall (Peter Hennessy, Secker and Warburg; £20).

Classroom answer to violence

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The school classroom may hold one of the long term answers to the growing problems of rural violence, according to Mr John Evans, new chief constable of Devon and Cornwall.

He believes greater discipline in schools, an inculcation of civil pride and school programmes where the police can meet children free of confrontation will help to curb rural violence.

Mr Evans, aged 45 and a policeman for 28 years, is one of Britain's youngest chief constables. Until last week he was deputy chief constable in Surrey, another area plagued by drunken violence.

He believes one of his main tasks will be to train his force to deal with rural violence and how to prevent trouble erupting. But he does not want his officers employing the tactics and equipment used in inner city riots.

The RUC recently announced that it was abandoning a number of community programmes and other chief constables are wondering about whether scarce police resources can be put into community work such as youth club programmes. But Mr Evans believes one way forward for the police and the community lies in building up relationships with the young.

He said: "I think the schools have got a problem which I know they are tackling and we hope to assist them. I think there is a breakdown in respect for authority." There were young people who found it difficult to accept authority and the first time they might be told "no" could be by a policeman in the street.

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Motorway repairs

Delays on North Circular

Delays on the North Circular Road in London are expected for the next 10 weeks because of resurfacing and cable ducting.

The closures, beginning at 8pm on Thursday until 5am the following day, will start at the A10 Great Cambridge Road junction on the eastbound carriageway and continue at the same time on subsequent nights until work is completed.

The Department of Transport says that only one length of carriageway will be closed to traffic at any one time. Alternative routes will be signposted.

Motorists are advised to allow extra time for their journeys.

● Derbyshire police prosecuted two motor-cyclists for the first time last month after using an experimental roadside noise meter.

Both the motor-cyclists were given £12 fixed penalty tickets after their machines registered more than 103 decibels in a new static test devised by Mr David Romaine, the Derby City Council noise pollution officer.

After talks with the Crown Prosecution Service, the police have agreed to warn motor-cyclists whose machines are found to register between 97 and 103 decibels in the static test.

Two motor-cyclists also received warnings, a spokesman for Derby road traffic department which is carrying out the noise tests, said.

Mr Romaine presented a paper at the National Society for Clean Air's annual conference in Llandudno last year after testing more than 400 motor-cycles.

Roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M40 Buckinghamshire: eastbound lane closures jns 5-4 (High Wycombe/Stokenchurch).
M3 Hampshire: northbound lane closures jns 9-8 (A303/A272); southbound lane closures jns 6-7 (A339/A30).
M20 Kent: lane closures jns 11-12 (Hythe/Cheriton); no emergency telephones jn 12.
M25 Surrey: contraflow jns 12-13 (M3/Staines); lane closures to jn 11 (Chertsey).

Midlands and East Anglia

M1 Northamptonshire: lane closures jn 15 (Northampton); roadworks on roundabout.
M5 Hereford/Worcester: lane closures jns 4-4a (Bromsgrove/M42).

North

M56 Greater Manchester: lane closures jn 3 (Baguley-M63 interchange).
M62 Greater Manchester: delays jns 21-22 (Milnrow/Saddleworth).
M63 Greater Manchester: two lane closures jns 3-6 (Barton/A6144).
M62 Humberside: contraflow jns 36-37 (Goole/Howden).
M180 Humberside: lane closures jns 1-3 (A614/Scunthorpe).
A1M Co Durham: lane closure between Bradbury and Blackfell.
M1 West Yorkshire: lane closures jns 40-42 (A638/M62).

Wales and West

M5 Somerset: lane restrictions jns 21-26 (Bristol/Taunton).
M4 Avon: westbound lane restrictions at Severn Bridge.

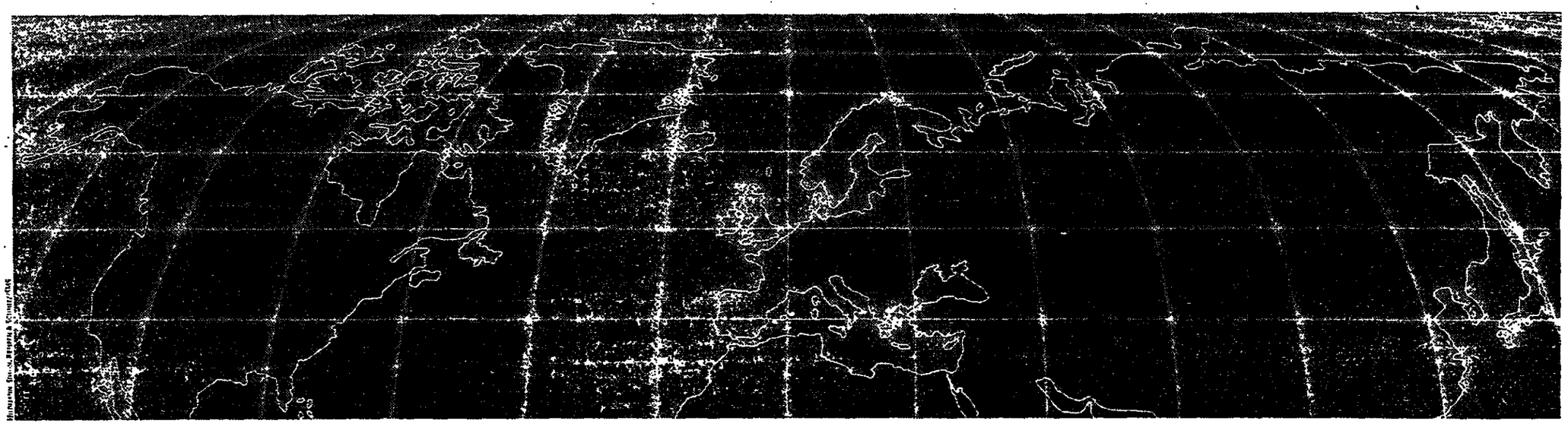
Scotland

M9 Central: southbound lane closure jn 9 (Bannockburn).
M90 Fife: southbound lane and slip closure at Admiralty flyover.
M8 Strathclyde: westbound access road closed jn 14 (Glasgow); restrictions jn 8 (St James interchange).

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Multi-millionaire Texan to be next US Ambassador to Britain

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Mr Henry Catto, aged 55, named by President-elect George Bush as the next United States Ambassador to London, is a multi-millionaire Texan whose marriage took him into one of America's richest families, with assets valued at $800 million (£445 million).

He has known Mr Bush well since the early 1960s. He held a variety of jobs under Republican presidents over the past two decades, including the post of Ambassador to El Salvador under President Nixon.

Mr Catto was White House Chief of Protocol under President Ford and, from 1981 to 1983, he was Assistant Secretary of Defence for Public Affairs, the Pentagon's chief spokesman.

His wife, Jessica, whose family formerly owned the *Houston Post*, has been publisher of the *Washington Journalism Review* and writes frequently on news media and foreign policy issues. Her brother, Mr Bill Hobby, is Lieutenant-Governor of Texas.



Mr Catto: Expected to take up his London post in the Spring.

Mr Catto and Mr Hobby share extensive business interests, including six television stations and one radio station.

Mr Bush is understood initially to have offered the ambassadorship to an old Texas friend, Mr Will Farrish, who owns the ranch where the President-elect went hunting and fishing at Christmas. He turned it down.

Mrs Catto, aged 50, was named last September in a Washington magazine as one of the 100 richest people with homes in the city. She came in the category of those worth between $50 million and $75 million. Her father, the late Mr William Hobby, was a Governor of Texas and publisher of the *Houston Post*, which was sold in 1983 for $130 million. Her mother, Mrs Oveta Culp Hobby, who was the first Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, lives in Houston and controls the family's fortune.

After years of losing money publishing the *Washington Journalism Review*, the Catto family recently donated the magazine to the University of Maryland's school of journalism.

Mr Catto, who is expected to take up his appointment in the Spring, was one of several key personalities named by Mr Bush to guide US diplomacy in the next four years. All are considered pragmatic, middle-of-the road figures with extensive foreign policy or other government experience. The appointments suggest that foreign policy will be more centrist than it was under the Reagan Administration, especially in its early years.

Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, who soared to prominence during the 1970s as a close aide to Dr Henry Kissinger, then Secretary of State, was named as Assistant Secretary of State. He spent 27 years in the Foreign Service and became Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs under the Reagan Administration.

General Vernon Walters, the Ambassador at the United Nations, was named as Ambassador to Bonn. A remarkable facility for languages helped him to develop a lengthy career in intelligence and secret diplomatic missions. He was Deputy Director of the Central Intgelligence Agency in the early 1970s, when he blocked a White House attempt to avert the Watergate investigation.

Mr Donald Gregg, formerly Vice-President Bush's assistant for national security affairs, was named as Ambassador to South Korea. He had a 30-year career with the CIA, including 18 years in Asia where, among other assignments, he was Seoul station chief.

● **Britain pleased:** The announcement that Mr Catto is to be the next US Ambassador to Britain was enthusiastically welcomed in London yesterday (Andrew McEwen writes).

Sir Peter Blaker, MP for Blackpool South and a former chairman of the Conservative foreign affairs committee, said: "It is an indication of the importance Mr Bush places in relations with this country."

Mr George Robertson, Labour's deputy foreign affairs spokesman, said: "He is clearly an insider with the Bush team, so it looks like a good appointment."

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP and a former Foreign Secretary, said: "It is very good news that we should be having an Ambassador who is apparently very close to the President and someone who can carry influence and clout where it counts, in the White House. So it is a good appointment so far as Britain is concerned."

Mr Catto will replace Mr Charles Price, aged 57, who was appointed in November 1983 and is seen as a very effective ambassador. "Charles Price did a good job and has helped the American image in Britain," Mr Robertson said.

It was during Mr Price's period that Anglo-American relations recovered from strains left by the American invasion of Grenada and demonstrations against the deployment of cruise missiles in Britain. The links subsequently reached an exceptionally warm and close state.

Shevarnadze steals limelight from Shultz at international weapons conference in Paris

West sees publicity coup in Kremlin's chemical arms offer

By Philip Jacobson, Michael Evans and Andrew McEwen

The announcement yesterday by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, at the international chemical weapons conference in Paris that the Kremlin would start destroying its chemical warfare stocks this year is seen by the West as a classic example of Moscow seeking to gain maximum kudos for doing something which is clearly in its own interest.

It was not the first time that the Soviet Union had declared its intentions. President Gorbachov said in April, 1987, that production of chemical weapons would stop, and announced that a factory was under construction — at Chapayevsk, on the River Volga — to destroy existing stocks. The plant is due to be finished this spring.

A senior official with the US delegation in Paris insisted that Moscow was only "playing catch-up" in response to two years of initiatives previously undertaken by Washington. "What the Soviets have suggested today is a response to what the US has done, is doing and will continue to do," he declared, pointing out that America had abandoned all production in 1969 — almost two decades before Moscow had followed suit. The US resumed production at the end of 1987, saying it had to modernize to keep pace with the Soviet build-up.

An American pilot plant for destroying chemical weapons was already operating "routinely" in Utah, the official said, and another facility would become operational on Johnston Island in the Pacific during 1989.

Mr Shevardnadze said yesterday that Moscow favoured the most stringent methods of inspection and verification — "short-notice challenge" without right of refusal — and was ready to do everything possible to conclude an international convention in 1989.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who is to speak at the Paris conference today, said: "If they are going to join in opening up the information about what they have as a first step towards destruction, that is extremely welcome and that is a key thing that could take forward a real convention in Geneva."

Western sources say it is in Moscow's interest to get rid of some of its chemical weapons for a number of reasons.

First, for years the Soviet Union has kept huge stocks of nerve agents contained in shells which have become unstable and unusable.

After a time, the chemical agents begin to separate and seep through the outer casing of the shells and the metal corrodes. The problem has been to find a way of safely destroying obselete chemical weapons. They can not be blown up like missiles. This is why the Kremlin has been forced to build a special destruction plant.

Second, the Soviet Union wants chemical weapons to be banned from the battlefield because it knows that, whatever it could deploy against the West, Nato would be able to produce overwhelming retaliation. Britain destroyed its chemical weapons in the 1950s, but the huge chemical industrial infrastructure in the UK could be converted to produce nerve agents for warfare in just three days, according to sources yesterday. It would merely be a case of changing the chemical mix.



Superpower accord: Mr George Shultz, left, the US Secretary of State, with his Soviet counterpart, Mr Shevardnadze, after signing an accord at the Soviet Embassy in Paris yesterday to co-operate on scientific study and drug trafficking curbs.

Third, Moscow's key problem, as far as chemical weapons are concerned, is the size of its Army. Unlike a small professional force that is highly trained, like the British Army, Soviet troops do not have the expertise to fight in a chemical environment. According to Western intelligence sources, the Soviet Army has not carried out an offensive chemical weapons exercise since 1978. The general staff does not even have a "chemical fire plan" — a written strategy for launching chemical weapons. It has a nuclear fire plan wich includes chemical weapons and a conventional fire plan.

The military leadership relies more on tactical nuclear than chemical weapons, which in the past were viewed as the poor man's atomic arms. In the mind of the Soviet general staff, the chemical weapon blurs the distinction between conventional and nuclear war.

The Kremlin's "chemical troops", as they are called, are purely defensive. They do not practise firing chemically-armed shells — that is the role of the Soviet artillery. The chemical troops are involved in decontamination and reconnaissance. Moscow announced in 1987 that it held 50,000 tonnes of chemical weapons.

Nato governments dispute this figure and say the true amount is more like 300,000 tonnes. But the Kremlin admits that the 50,000 tonnes consisted only of the toxic agents, and did not include hardware — the shell casings.

Minister cancels after air threat

By Andrew McEwen and Christopher Mosey

Mr Sten Andersson, the Swedish Foreign Minister, yesterday cancelled a planned flight from Paris to Stockholm after renewed threats from Arab extremists against SAS, the Scandinavian airline.

And, in the aftermath of the Lockerbie disaster, it was disclosed that in the United States flight attendants had forced the cancellation of a United Air Lines Newark-to-Los Angeles flight last week when they heard of a sabotage threat shortly before passengers boarded.

Two weeks before the Lockerbie disaster a warning was given by an Arab living in Finland that a bomb would be placed on board a Pan Am aircraft in Frankfurt. Although Finnish police believe it was a hoax, the coincidence has led to greater vigilence.

In Stockholm, an SAS spokesman confirmed that security had been increased at the weekend as a result of warnings from the Swedish security police. He said "extreme care" had been recommended in Paris, where Mr Andersson had met Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State.

The motive for such a threat could be the important role Mr Andersson played in bringing about the resumption of contacts between Washington and the PLO last month. One theory is that the Pan Am jet was blown up by a PLO splinter group hoping to undercut the more moderate line adopted recently by Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman.

The incident in Newark came about when the US State Department informed United Air Lines that the US Embassy in Norway had received threats against flights on January 3 from New York to Los Angeles. No specific flight was identified.

Ms Cindy Yeast, a spokeswoman for the Association of Flight Attendants, the crew's union, said that the cabin crew of one flight refused to fly because the airline did not adequately explain the threat.

The two developments reflected the fear that whatever group caused the Pan Am explosion may strike again. The slow progress of the Lockerbie investigation has also contributed to the tension. Despite the speculation that Iranian Revolutionary Guards placed the bomb, and that they may have received explosives from Libya, the investigators are not thought to have identified the culprits.

WORLD ROUNDUP

10 die as Shias resume fighting

Beirut (Reuter) — Rival Shia Muslim militias resumed their wars in west Beirut yesterday and 10 people were killed and 35 wounded in battles in south Lebanon.

Fighters from the pro-Syrian Amal and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah (Party of God) fired heavy machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades in the Bourj Abu Haidar and Nowairi areas of Muslim west Beirut, witnesses said. An Amal spokesman said that Hezbollah had started the fighting in the capital to take the pressure off its men in the south, who had been fighting Amal since dawn.

Militia sources in Sidon reported that both sides were using multiple rocket-launchers and heavy artillery in the battles in the hills of the Iqlim al-Tufah area. Hezbollah fighters, backed by artillery, attacked Amal positions in the villages of Kfar Milki, Kfar Hata, Kfar Fila and Hassanieh, attempting to break out of besieged positions.

Armenia rebuilds

Moscow (AP) — One month to the day after Armenia's devastating earthquake, the foundation stone of a new apartment building was laid at the weekend in Leninakan, symbolizing the start of reconstruction in the republic's second-largest city.

Authorities have pledged to rebuild Leninakan and other Armenian towns and villages flattened in the earthquake on December 7, within two years. The disaster left an estimated 25,00 people dead and more than 500,000 people homeless.

Maldives promotion

Colombo — Mr Ahmed Mujuthaba, the Minister of Shipping of the Maldives who was taken hostage by mercenaries trying to overthrow the Government, has been appointed the Minister of Tourism (Vijitha Yapa writes).

Mr Mujuthaba, who was injured when rescued by Indian soldiers from the hostage ship, is back at work after receiving treatment in southern India. He said tourism was only a department until the Government upgraded it to a ministry this year. One resort owner said the move could be a result of publicity generated by the attempted coup.

Muslim rebel sought

Manila — Philippine troops yesterday searched for the Muslim leader of a military rebellion which left at least 17 people dead in the southern city of Zamboanga, including a general and a colonel (Humphrey Hawksley writes).

Mr Rizal Ali took the two officers hostage on Thursday in a military camp to which he was summoned as part of an investigation linked to murder and corruption charges. He escaped after heavy fighting on Saturday and was reported to have commandeered a Jeep yesterday morning, taking more hostages but later releasing them unharmed.

Emergency is lifted

Colombo — Sri Lanka will end a five-and-a-half-year state of emergency tomorrow, earlier than planned, a government source said yesterday. President Premadasa earlier said he would not extend the emergency, due to lapse on January 15, as security had improved. However three Sri Lankan soldiers and their driver were killed by Tamil Tigers on Saturday, while suspected People's Liberation Front (JVP) rebels killed a policeman and two government supporters.

Tie me casserole down

Sydney — The Australian Government is to lift a longstanding ban on the human consumption of kangaroo and crocodile (Christopher Morris writes). Mr Peter Collins, the Health Minister, said yesterday: "We have kangaroos and crocodiles in abundance and there is no good reason why we should not eat such animals provided they are not in danger of extinction . . . " An Animal Liberation spokesman said: "Most people will be repulsed at the thought."

Libya expels newsmen after visit backfires

From Nicholas Beeston
Tripoli

Scores of foreign journalists were ordered out of Libya yesterday after a weekend propaganda exercise to prove that Libya is not producing chemical weapons misfired badly.

More than 100 journalists were originally told that they were being expelled on Saturday night after a fleeting night-time visit to the Rabta chemical complex, 50 miles south-west of the capital. No explanation was given by the Libyans for the expulsion orders.

Efforts to show the Western visitors — the first to the plant — that the installation is a pharmaceuticals factory failed to disprove US allegations that it is a poison gas facility.

The journalists were taken to the complex at dusk on Saturday, ostensibly to prove that it is a pharmaceutical factory. But the tour backfired for the Libyans when they refused to answer questions about the plant and reduced the inspection to a swift drive through the installation in darkness.

"We welcome you as pharmaceutical personnel and as administrators of a new medicine factory at Rabta," said Dr Ali Ibrahim, the nervous-looking factory director. He embarked on a lengthy account of Arab pharmaceutical history, but when asked questions was cut short by an unidentified colleague. Britain and the United States claim that the complex is destined to produce mustard gas and the lethal nerve agent, sarin.

Rabta is dominated by one large dark-grey factory and a smokestack and surrounded by a security wall. It is situated at the foot of a range of hills. The one road leading to it is guarded by armed soldiers at regular road-blocks who are backed up by hundreds of soldiers in camps.

On the arid plain stretching to the north at least one anti-aircraft missile battery, believed to be French-made, was visible, and empty earth emplacements suggested that other military vehicles and equipment had been stationed there recently.

Mr Idris Abdullah, the plant's maintenance director, said that the defences had been put into place over the past few weeks after threats by the US to destroy the factory.

On the hills above the complex at least two permanent radar stations were operating, suggesting that Washington was correct when it claimed that the area was ringed with a sophisticated air defence system and protected by Soviet missiles.

Since President Reagan said on December 23 that the US was contemplating the use of military force to destroy the Rabta factory, hundreds of Libyan civilians, ranging from schoolchildren to nurses, have been taken there by bus and housed in tents to act as a human shield against a possible US strike.

One of the problems in identifying a poison gas factory is the difficulty in distinguishing between a military installation and civilian factories which use similar organo-phosphorous compounds in pesticides, pharmaceuticals and plastics.

The authorities at Rabta claim that apart from medicines, the plant also has plastics, automotive and agricultural projects. They said work began on the complex in 1982 and that the location had been chosen because of the ample supplies of fresh water, as opposed to the brackish water found nearer the coast.

There were no obvious signs of deadly chemicals at the plant, but US reports suggest that the Libyans recently removed stocks of thiodiglycol, which when mixed with sulphuric acid produces mustard gas.

One container outside the plant marked with the name of the giant West German electronics company, Siemens, had had other markings freshly painted out.

At an impromptu press conference a few hours before the visit, the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi, showed signs of wanting to defuse the tension caused by the latest threat posed by Washington.

"No one can reach an agreement with Libya except through civilized means, by direct negotiations, and the Bush Administration has to sit face to face with Libya to reach an end to the controversial questions," he said.

His remarks were interpreted as an attempt to offer Washington an olive branch and suggest that a compromise is possible with President-elect Bush, who will be sworn in on January 20.

Colonel Gadaffi's real fear is that President Reagan may attempt to launch a final military attack on his last day in office. The critical time will be on Wednesday when the special conference on chemical weapons in Paris ends.

"The US must acknowledge that the policy of force, threatening fleets and siege have failed and they have to negotiate with Libya directly," Colonel Gadaffi said. "They should give up arms and make the Mediterranean an area of peace."

Uncharacteristically, he made no reference to the downing of two Libyan MiG jets by two US Navy fighters on Wednesday and also failed to deliver any threats of revenge.

European-style professionals for Bush Cabinet

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

With only one post left to fill, that of Secretary of Energy, President-elect George Bush's Cabinet is virtually complete. America has been impressed with the political breadth and formidable experience of the new Government.

To a greater degree than almost all his predecessors, the new President has selected a team of professionals: men — and two women — who have served in office before, who have established reputations for competence and who more closely resemble seasoned European Cabinet ministers than the usual motley selection of cronies, ideological soul-mates and forceful but politically inexperienced amateurs.

This is especially true of the men who will execute American security and foreign policy. Incoming American presidents often are at a big disadvantage in facing the world. They may, like President Carter, have scant experience of foreign affairs and betray this with initial naivety that exasperates allied leaders (Chancellor Helmut Schmidt could scarcely contain his impatience).

Or they may, like President Reagan, have firm convictions, but do not at first choose men able to translate these into coherent policy.

General Alexander Haig, the mercurial Secretary of State, and Judge William Clark, Mr Reagan's second and serenely ignorant National Security Adviser, were unable to find their feet and did not last long.

Not so Mr Bush. With personal experience of diplomacy at the United Nations, a foreign assignment in China and national security issues at the CIA, he already has greater knowledge of the outside world than most presidents acquire after four or even eight years. There is no need for the world to wait until he discovers the realities and constrictions of American power.

This is reflected in his key appointments. Mr James Baker's last two jobs seem an almost ideal qualification to be Secretary of State. At the White House he learned about domestic pressures, the essential need to keep policy in tune with the mood of the country and the views on Capitol Hill.

At the Treasury he learned the lesson, so sharply outlined by the historian Paul Kennedy, that military might must not outpace a nation's economic strength. Foreign leaders had a chance to deal with him and gauge his thinking in both offices.

General Brent Scowcroft is an even happier choice as National Security Adviser. Modest, conscientious, dutiful, a man with no political axe to grind, he perfectly embodies that blend of military understanding, academic acumen and governmental experience required of this difficult and ill-defined job.

He also begins with two enormous advantages: he has done the job before, under President Ford; and he was one of the three conceptual architects of the revamped National Security Council after the Iran-Contra scandal. It was he, along with Senator John Tower and former Secretary of State Edmund Muskie, who insisted that the NSC must synthesize options, not execute policy.



General Scowcroft: Has no political axe to grind.

He knows how to live with a headstrong Secretary of State — he served with Dr Henry Kissinger. In 1987 he pinpointed the chaos that results from a disengaged president and a Pentagon at loggerheads with the State Department.

Does his return signal the restoration of a Kissingerian foreign policy? Mr Bush's naming of Mr Lawrence Eagleburger, another Kissinger protégé, as the Number Two at the State Department has prompted speculation that Mr Ford's charismatic Secretary will re-emerge as the *eminence grise* of the Bush Administration.

Such talk is wrong. Times have changed. Dr Kissinger himself acknowledges this: "Scowcroft is my friend, not my man," he said recently.

But ironically many of the foreign policy challenges of the Kissinger era have also returned. Improving East-West relations, a probable deterioration in US-European relations and a sudden new urgency in the Middle East all look uncannily like a rerun of the Nixon-Ford preoccupations. Despite an extraordinarily favourable world situation as Mr Bush takes office, senior officials here see potential serious difficulties ahead.

The Bush Administration may seek a breathing space in the headlong new relationship with Moscow. Mr Bush was markedly cooler during the election campaign in his view than Mr Reagan. General Scowcroft has publicly voiced caution, and circles in the new Administration suggest that arms control negotiations, especially on strategic weapons, must now wait until the US — and Nato — have sorted out their own military priorities. This will be one point of emerging differences with the European allies, which will see the US as stalling.

Another will be growing argument over credit for the Russians, with the US trying to rein in the Europeans. A third point of contention will be the perennial issue of burden-sharing, with Congress exacerbating American resentment. US suspicions of 1992 and "Fortress Europe" may develop into real tensions sooner than the Bush Administration or the European Community anticipates.

Differences with Europe over the Middle East will also complicate what the Bush people realize, reluctantly, must now be a priority issue.

How the new team handles all this depends partly on who else will be appointed to the foreign policy-national security team. Mr Bush will make more effort than Mr Reagan to seek consensus with US allies.

The choice of Mr Thomas Pickering, a respected career diplomat, as Ambassador to the UN augurs well. So does the retention of General Vernon Walters, a seasoned professional who is moving to Bonn as Ambassador, and the appointment to London of Mr Henry Catto, who has served as a diplomat as well as a Pentagon spokesman.

It is rumoured that Mrs Rozanne Ridgway, the highly regarded current Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, will remain in a very senior position at the State Department.

General Scowcroft has given further clues with the naming of Mr Robert Gates, a professional Soviet-watcher and deputy CIA director, as his deputy at the NSC.

The foreign policy challenges — Third World debt, chemical weapons proliferation, increased trade tensions with Japan, instability in Latin America — seem greater to many incoming officials than current sunny assumptions suggest. But those officials may be better equipped to deal with them than America has known for many years.

Emperor's death sparks debate over future of the throne

Japan seeks an identity without Hirohito

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Emperor Hirohito has, over the past 63 years, been a living God, a no-longer-divine symbol of a defeated but democratized post-war Japan, and a bridge that covered the bewildering gulf between the backwater country it was and the world power it is today.

The key question is how the country will cope without him. At a time when Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Prime Minister, is trying to give the country a yet more prominent position internationally, the answer will say much about how a more confident Japan sees itself entering the twenty-first century. It will also shape how the world – especially Tokyo's edgy neighbours in Asia, who find it hard to forget that Japan was once their colonial master – sees the nation post-Hirohito.

The Emperor led his people through the most traumatic events in their history. But as long as his familiar, shambling figure appeared twice yearly on the Imperial Palace balcony to receive his subjects' birthday and new year wishes, the Japanese could forget to worry about how much the country had changed and about how well equipped it was to cope with the responsibilities and challenges that burden superpowers.

That change, masked by Hirohito's longevity, has not always been easy to measure. It might have been harder elsewhere too if, say, Churchill were still in Number 10 or De Gaulle resident at the Elysée.

To say that, unlike them, Hirohito held no executive power under Japan's US-written post-war Constitution, or that his portrait did not hang in Japan's embassies or stare from the nation's stamps, or that his speeches were stilted, belies his role as a focus from which the Japanese could take their bearings.

The crowds that flocked to the palace this weekend to offer their condolences hint at his standing in a country suddenly forced to rethink how it should behave towards its monarch.

Japan does not deal well with uncertainty. It likes to plan. The Emperor's longer-than-expected illness gave government ministers and bureaucrats a chance to organize their funeral drills and gave his subjects time to move from panic to preparing for a new era. The transition, emotional and logistical, will be smoother as a result – but not seamless.

Hirohito was nearly indicted as a war criminal – probably saved only by General Douglas MacArthur's realization that the Emperor would offer a rallying point for the devastated Japanese. Part of the deal was that he renounce his civinity and tell his people that they were not a master race.

His power withered. Yet most Japanese had been happy to have Hirohito as a symbol of continuity, both of the imperial dynasty and of a fast-changing Japan. He commanded respect, if not reverence. It is debatable whether they will be as happy to see the uncontroversial but colourless Akihito assume his father's mantle.

The appeal of Hirohito was deeply personal. Many never forgave him for what they regarded as his responsibility for the millions of Japanese lives lost in the Second World War. Others hailed him as a peacemaker. Will Emperor Akihito, who has to steer his stuffy courtiers into a less-formal twenty-first century, be liberated or shackled by Japan's ambivalent attitude to his father? Perhaps both.

Emperor Akihito's own unstuffiness encourages those who are glad to see the monarch take an even more withdrawn role.

But his modernity is making Japanese nationalists – and some of his sterner courtiers – chew their nails. They fret lest he will be too weak to fight if anti-monarchists rush to bury the imperial ideal along with Hirohito.

Nationalists see Hirohito's death as a chance to end talk of shame about the war, perhaps make the Emperor head of state once again and to reshape the Constitution so that it allows Japan to re-arm. They have a habit of making a lot of noise and domestic enemies.

The police presence was strengthened across Tokyo over the weekend to keep troublemakers at bay. Some firebombs were set off yesterday, police believe by anti-imperialists; 20 left-wingers caught with lethal weapons were arrested; and several right-wing groups, which have vowed to break opponents of the imperial system, were dispersed.

A battle between these extremist fringes has been brewing quietly, mostly as a proxy debate about how deeply the Government should bow to imperial tradition in carrying out funeral and enthronement ceremonies. Constitutional purists sniff at financing the rituals from the national purse.

They ask where the line will be drawn between state and religion if the Government pays. Anxious right-wingers say that, unless every Shinto accession ceremony is followed, Akihito will be only a "half-Emperor".

Meanwhile, the left has made a fuss about the imperial ceremonies without asking how many similar rituals in other countries are carried out to ancient religious recipes, not for reasons of religion but because of tradition.

The row will probably fizzle. The Japanese are more interested in watching television than in dressing-up in khaki or in rewriting the Constitution.

But Prime Ministers here, particularly the ever-cautious Mr Takeshita, are not gamblers by nature.

The Government is aware of the pitfalls and knows that the world is watching. The Emperor's prolonged illness gave the Administration time to think about the confusion, national mourning and international attention that lie ahead.

The Cabinet has been working out what kind of funeral to hold, how to receive visiting dignitaries, what protocol to follow. Seeking fresh diplomatic bearings, Japan has been anxious to receive condolences from the "right" people. Crucially, for a country obsessed about what others think of it, what will the world say about it all?

The challenges are no different from those that face other governments and monarchies at such times. How Japan meets them over the next few weeks will set the mood for the new Emperor's reign and say much about the maturity of the world's newest superpower.

Tokyo (Reuter) – Two devotees of Emperor Hirohito have hanged themselves, saying that they wanted to follow their monarch into the afterlife, police reported yesterday. They said that Yoshichi Terunuma, aged 76, a former navy midshipman, hanged himself near Katsuta City, north of Tokyo, on Saturday.

Both Mr Terunuma and a war veteran, aged 87, who hanged himself in the southern prefecture of Wakayama, left suicide notes stating that they wanted to be with Hirohito.



A mother and daughter at a department store in Ginza paying their respects to Emperor Hirohito in front of a portrait decorated by chrysanthemums, the imperial emblem.

World's noisiest city turns down the volume and the lights

From Our Own Correspondent
Tokyo

Japan woke yesterday to its first rain in six weeks, the start of a fresh era under Emperor Akihito, its new monarch, and some doubts about how it should behave for its second and final day of mourning for Emperor Hirohito, who died of cancer at dawn on Saturday.

It was the quietest day for years in what is probably the world's noisiest city – partly because it was Sunday, partly because it was cold and wet, and partly because the Emperor had died. Many Japanese, tired after their week-long new year holiday, stayed at home to read the papers and catch up with the news of an historic weekend. The brash neon signs that make parts of Tokyo look like a fairground were turned off. The city looked as if it had been hit by a power failure.

Under the mask, discothèques throbbed. Shops and restaurants stayed open for business. Some department stores issued black ties to staff and asked sales women to remove jewellery. Some hung curtains across their more colourful windows and most demanded restraint from the young uniformed girls who bow and screech a sugary "welcome" to entering shoppers.

The megaphones that Japanese use to announce everything from the price of apples on a market stall to the show times of a cinema's films were silent.

As Hirohito lay in a white silk kimono on a white silk futon in his drawing room in the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, 300,000 mourners, sheltering under a patchwork of umbrellas, gathered outside the palace to pay their respects, see what was going on and take snaps for the family album.

The national newspapers looked as fresh as newspapers can look if they have largely been written months in advance and held in limbo until the Emperor had run out of strength to fight the duodenal cancer that killed him.

Their television listings read like the index of an encyclopedia on Emperor Hirohito and the imperial family. Japan's television networks have agreed between themselves to halt the quiz shows and *samurai* soap operas that fill a normal day's viewing. Instead the Japanese are being given three days of footage of their former Emperor – everything from his kindergarten art to interviews with his optician – punctuated by stretches of gloomy music. All advertising has been withdrawn.

The Japanese have been able to take only so much. Cinemas yesterday reported longer than usual queues and video rental shops said business had swelled fivefold. Some department stores reported better than normal sales as people rushed to spend their fat end-of-year bonuses.

Few seemed keen to take up an offer by Japan Railways to refund tickets for those who had scrapped travel plans after the Emperor's death. Station platforms were clogged, as usual, with skiers heading for the mountains. Weddings went ahead, even if the bride and groom had to pose for pictures within feet of Rising Sun flags flapping at half mast.

Crowds were down slightly at Tokyo Disneyland, but officials there blamed the rain. One woman from Osaka appeared to have made a special pilgrimage. Buttonholed by a reporter, she said she had come to Disneyland to mark the first day of the new reign.

Some left-wingers, who hate everything about the imperial idea, planted firebombs and were arrested. Some militaristic-minded right-wingers, who hate everything about left-wingers, were asked by police to move along.

Indian general on spy charges

Delhi (Reuter) – Indian police have arrested retired Lieutenant-General Nirmal Puri on charges of selling defence secrets to foreign powers, the United News of India said.

It quoted an official of the Central Bureau of Investigation as saying the arrest was a important breakthrough in cracking a spy ring he alleged was run by General Puri and Mr Vinod Khanna, an arms dealer who was arrested late last year on similar charges. No indication was given of which foreign nations were alleged to have received secrets from them.

Rebel killed

San José, Costa Rica (AP) – Mañuel Adan Rugama, a commander of Nicaraguan rebel forces, has been assassinated in Honduras by order of the Sandinistas, a Nicaraguan resistance official said.

Heroic honour

Bucharest (Reuter) – Mrs Elena Ceausescu, wife of the Romanian leader and a prominent member of the Politburo, was declared a national heroine on her 70th birthday.

Drugs haul

Kuwait (AFP) – Kuwaiti border police seized 1.5 million hallucinogenic tablets in 1988 as well as other illegal drugs, including alcohol and hashish.

Price rises

Budapest (Reuter) – Hungary has announced a range of big price rises to ease its large budget deficit, despite warnings from trade unions that such increases would be unacceptable.

Asylum bid

Brindisi, Italy (AP) – The captain of an Albanian boat fishing off the Italian coast locked up his crew, sailed back to Albania to pick up eight other people and then sailed again to Italy in a bid to obtain political asylum.

Big clean-up

Sydney – Some 60,000 citizens have helped clean up Sydney Harbour by removing more than 30,000 tons of debris, including discarded syringes and even a corpse.

Peru austerity

Lima (AP) – The Peruvian Government has devalued its by currency 28.5 per cent and made other austerity adjustments in a programme aimed at boosting exports and controlling inflation.

Macau Portuguese get passports with full EEC privileges

From Jonathan Braude, Hong Kong

Macau today begins issuing burgundy-coloured European Community passports to its Portuguese nationals, reminding the world that they are entitled to better treatment in the United Kingdom than British nationals from Hong Kong, just 40 miles up the South China coast.

Holders of both the new-style documents and the old Portuguese passport enjoy complete freedom to live and work in Portugal and within a few years will be able to set up residence anywhere in the EEC, including Britain.

By contrast, people from Hong Kong can come to Britain freely only as tourists and require a work and residence permit. They need travel visas to visit other EEC nations.

A Portuguese-administered territory, Macau will be handed over to China in 1999, two years after Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in 1997. But its 100,000 Portuguese nationals, who make up a quarter of the population, are confident that they have somewhere to run to if Chinese rule proves to be uncomfortably heavy-handed.

Just to be on the safe side, however, Macau businessmen have been flocking to the Passports and Identification Office to ask about the new EEC-style documents.

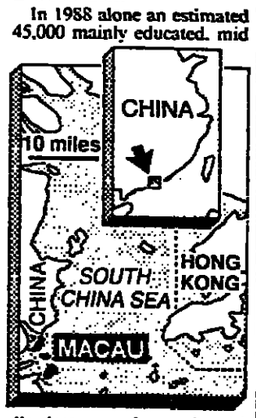
Because Macau granted full Portuguese citizenship to anyone born in the territory before October 3, 1981, 80 per cent of those entitled to the new passports are ethnic Chinese. Many see the EEC passport as an added, more visible sign their security is guaranteed.

But the people of Hong Kong are in no hurry to pick up their new "British National Overseas (BNO)" passports, in exchange for the existing British Dependent Territories Citizen (BDTC) documents. Since the BNO passport was introduced in July, 1987, in a blaze of publicity, only 46,000 have been issued, and 1.5 million BDTC documents remained in circulation at the end of December.

The new travel document offers no advantages over the old except that it remains valid beyond the handover to China. Although Hong Kong is tentatively planning to introduce a new burgundy-coloured BNO passport next year, it will not make the slightest improvement to the holder's rights.

Instead, Hong Kong people are scrambling to emigrate to Canada, Australia, the United States and New Zealand in search of a passport which will confer full citizenship and residence rights in their adoptive countries.

In 1988 alone an estimated 45,000 mainly educated, mid



dle-class people emigrated from the territory, adding a serious brain drain to Hong Kong's already acute labour shortage. By 1990, the haemorrhage is expected to have reached 60,000 people a year.

Britain will not be able to offer consular support and protection to Hong Kong citizens in China after 1997.

● PEKING: An American, Mr Huang Wencheng, and an ethnic Chinese who holds a Canadian passport, Mr Huang Han, have been ordered to leave China for engaging in illegal activities linked to the China Democratic League, a US-based counter-revolutionary group, the *People's Daily* reported yesterday.

Hopes rise as Mujahidin continue peace meetings

From Anatol Lieven, Islamabad

Despite little concrete progress in talks here last week between Soviet and Afghan rebel representatives, the fact that they are still talking is considered hopeful.

Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister who is also Ambassador to Kabul, told journalists that the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan must play a part in any future "broad-based government" and in the Shura, the interim Mujahidin consultative council which Moscow is prepared to accept in principle. He held the Mujahidin's refusal to talk to the Democratic Party responsible for any future bloodshed.

Although Mujahidin sources confirmed that this was the line taken by Mr Vorontsov in the talks, they said a senior Pakistan official had hinted that Soviet support for the Democratic Party was not absolute. An official of one of the radical Mujahidin parties said Moscow would get rid of the Democratic Party government if a face-saving replacement could be found.

Mr Vorontsov echoed President Gorbachov's call for an international conference on Afghanistan, which Mujahidin radicals consider a recipe for the return of King Zahir Shah under the auspices of the United Nations.

Some radicals believe the Russians want to return to the situation under the King before the rise of the Communists and the coup by his cousin, Prince Muhammad Doud. The Soviet Union then had good relations with Afghanistan, strong economic links, and dominated its foreign policy without the hazards of direct involvement.

While the Mujahidin parties reject a return to a 1960s status quo, which would mostly exclude them from power, they fear that the "moderate" parties might accept such a settlement, under pressure from foreign backers and to secure the King's return. There also seemed to be fears in the radical camp that the Pakistani Government of Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, might agree to this option to allow Afghan refugees to return home from Pakistan.

Iran is also being tempted towards an accord by the prospect of better relations with Moscow.

Despite disunity within the Mujahidin, eight Iran-based Shia resistance parties represented at last week's talks were agreed on most points with the Pakistan-based alliance.

Leaders of the two groups met yesterday in Peshawar to discuss whether to accept Mr Vorontsov's invitation to a third round of talks in the Soviet capital.

They also discussed participation by representatives of the Iran-based parties in the Shura, which the Mujahidin alliance plans to set up later this month, and whether to proceed simultaneously with direct elections to a full Shura.

India-Pakistan rapprochement

Gandhi urges arms cuts

From Zahid Hussain, Karachi

The Prime Minister of India, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, believes that India and Pakistan should work together for the reduction of conventional arms and forces.

Mr Gandhi, who was the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Pakistan in 28 years, said an improved political climate and the easing of tension between the two countries would help to achieve this.

In an interview during his visit to Islamabad, Mr Gandhi said it would be easier for his Government to work with a democratic government in Pakistan.

He was optimistic that he would be able to work with the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Miss Benazir Bhutto, to reduce tension and concentrate on real problems. "We have agreed to work together to remove suspicion and misgivings that have characterized our past relations," Mr Gandhi said.

Miss Bhutto's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the former President of Pakistan, and Indira Gandhi, the mother of Rajiv Gandhi, were the signatories of the historic "Simla Agreement" between the two countries in 1972, according to which both were supposed to resolve their long-standing disputes through mutual discussion.

The agreement also resulted in the release of 90,000 Pakistani prisoners of war by India.

After 16 years, the next generation of leaders signed an agreement on December 31 concerning non-aggression against each other's nuclear installations.

Mr Gandhi said a united and stable Pakistan was in India's interests. He refuted charges by the Pakistan Government that it had lent support to the separatist movement in Pakistan's Sind Province.

On the question of Indian rejection of Pakistan's proposal for the signing of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, Mr Gandhi said India's opposition to the treaty was not related to "a consideration involving Pakistan".

"India is not prepared to sign the NPT because it is blatantly discriminatory," he said.

On the outcome of his recent China visit, the first by an Indian Prime Minister in 34 years, Mr Gandhi said he found common ground with the Chinese leaders on their perceptions of international affairs and of the problems in developing countries.

"Everything that we could have expected of the visit was fulfilled," Mr Gandhi said.

He also disclosed that the two countries had achieved some progress on the border issue.

"We did not expect to have dramatic results on the border dispute.

"But we agreed to move ahead on something that would be reasonable and mutually acceptable," Mr Gandhi said in the interview.

Soviet troops honour dead and long for home

From Edward Gorman
Kabul

Aleksandr Miranenko has been dead for more than a year, but he has not been forgotten.

According to his friend Mr Vadim Posneykov, who was with him on the day that he died, Sergeant Miranenko, who was aged 20, gave his life saving two fellow members of the elite 103rd Guards Airborne Division.

They were on an operation in a village in Paktia in eastern Afghanistan, an area close to the Pakistan border where the Mujahidin guerrillas are well armed and well organized.

As Mr Posneykov tells it, Sergeant Miranenko and the two other paratroops were cut off as guerrillas moved in from the hills to surround the village. The sergeant's successful defence allowed the two to escape leaving him stranded, wounded, and at the mercy of the Mujahidin.

Faced with capture or suicide, the sergeant chose the latter. "After he was wounded," said Mr Posneykov, "he took a hand grenade and made a little explosion."

For his bravery, the sergeant was lavishly decorated, earning, among other awards, a rare posthumous Hero of the Soviet Union medal.

As is the custom in active Soviet regiments, Sergeant Miranenko's bed now serves as his memorial in the dormitory of the regimental barracks in the grounds of President Najibullah's palace. His light blue beret lies on his pillow and a purple sash is drawn across the starched white sheet. Above the bed, his portrait hangs next to a framed list of his decorations.

"This is our tradition," explained Mr Posneykov. "The sergeant is put down on the list of the great for all time."

The 150 or so men of these barracks now have the relatively risk-free but tedious job of guarding the embattled Afghan President, a task soon to be handed to the scruffy and ill-disciplined Afghan Army.

"There have been many changes in our Army since Mr Gorbachov came to power," said Colonel Vadim Solovyev. "Some people are very surprised we have *perestroika* and *glasnost* in the Army."

Perhaps the most surprised are the conscripts themselves. Despite the colonel's careful prompting many seemed simply too scared even to tell me their names, their ranks or the stories behind their decorations. One who did so was Sergeant Archipov from Volga. He said he was awarded the coveted Order of the Red Star after being wounded while clearing mines laid by the Mujahidin near the town of Gardez last May.

The colonel commented: "There are a lot of mines which the Mujahidin put in the field near our posts. He is healthy and normal now but he's very shy and that is why he can't say whether he is proud."

The object of this exercise, it quickly became apparent, was to demonstrate what a reasonable and chummy bunch the Red Army and its officers have become in Mr Gorbachov's new age. The general view in the West, that officers still treat conscripts as little more than animals or prisoners, was apparently not the case in this regiment.

Colonel Solovyev made much of a recent New Year's Eve celebration for which the dormitories had been decorated with streamers and a tree. The soldiers, I was told, had organized "a little concert".

There had been, however, no vodka. "Since 1985 we have struggled against vodka after an order from the Supreme Soviet signed by Mr Gorbachov," the colonel said. "The Soviet military is in the vanguard of the struggle; we can't say that we have finished with the problem, but we can say from our hearts that we are not drunkards. It is very delicate mission."

Another somewhat surprising absence in the barracks was pictures of women. "We suppose that for our young soldiers, it is not good to look at these naked women," he said.

The problem is rather imaginatively circumvented by a photograph album in each dormitory in which pictures of girlfriends and wives are collected. "It is our duty to show the soldier that first of all he must serve, then he can think about his lovers and girlfriends," the colonel said.

Most fascinating was the "Lenin Room" where the conscripts take lessons in political theory, write letters home and compete in the so-called "Socialist Competition". The walls are covered from floor to ceiling with slogans and photographs depicting the Politburo, heroes of the Soviet Union, the achievements of the Army in the Great Patriotic War, and the history of the 103rd, showing its campaigns, both in Europe between 1943 and 1945, and in Afghanistan over the past nine years.

As for the withdrawal, the barracks could be cleared in 10 minutes if necessary. But the colonel reckoned it would take a little longer to hand it over to their Afghan colleagues when the orders, for which they have waited so long, finally come through.

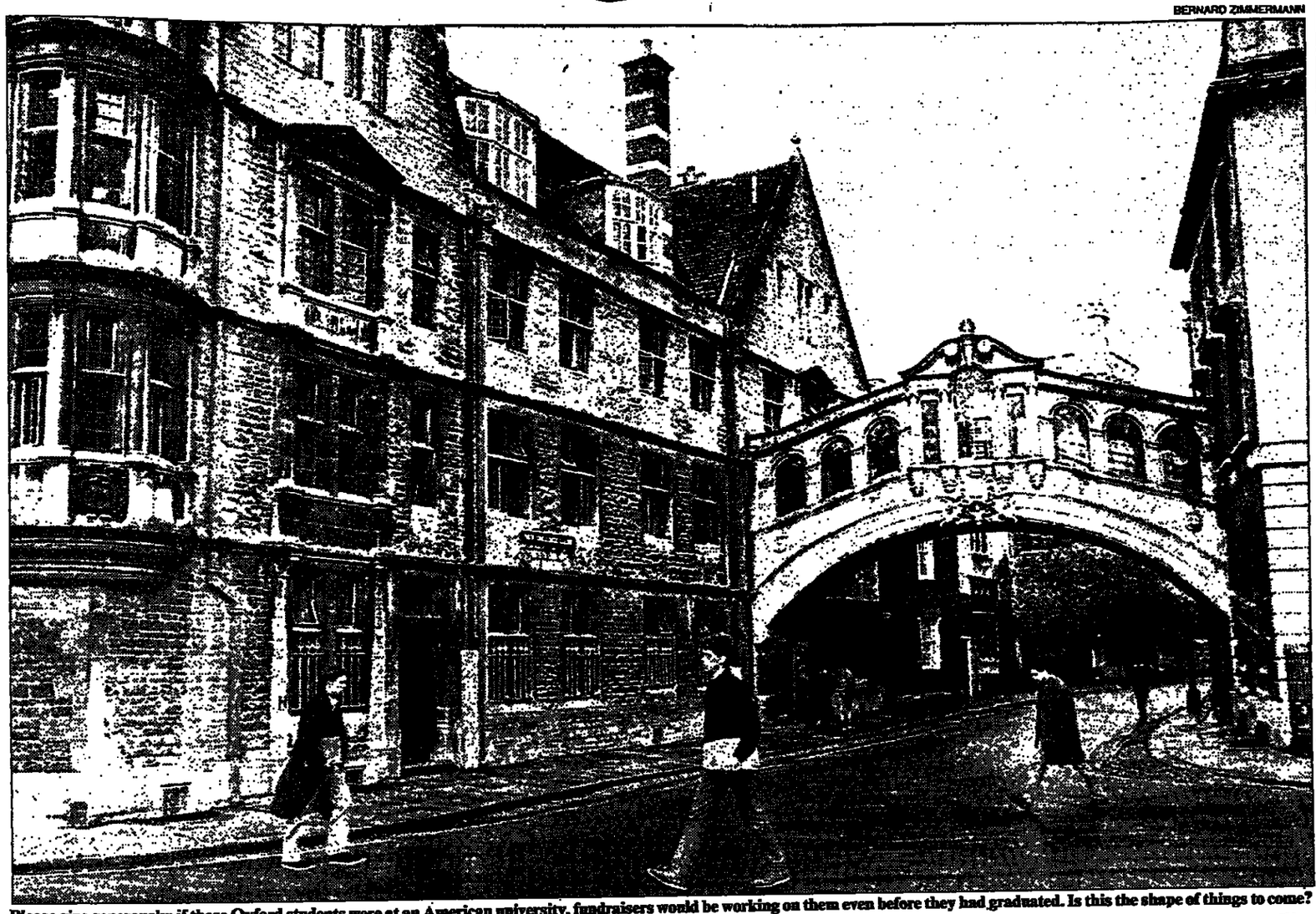
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SPECTRUM

How will Oxford – and its alumni – respond to the American way of fundraising? **Sam Kiley** reports

Balancing the books

BERNARD ZIMMERMANN



Please give generously: if these Oxford students were at an American university, fundraisers would be working on them even before they had graduated. Is this the shape of things to come?

Kenneth Baker, the education secretary, last week told British colleges that they could expect little extra money from governments of any party, and that they had better look elsewhere for their cash.

He is much taken with the American way of doing things in higher education, particularly when it comes to fundraising, and Oxford University is where the American way has been taken up in earnest. Few Oxford graduates can be unaware that the university is looking for extra money, much of it from their pockets. They have read innumerable articles on the launch of the £200 million Campaign for Oxford, and received a begging letter from vice-chancellor Sir Patrick Neill. But as the director of the campaign might say: "They ain't seen nothing yet."

Dr Henry Drucker, an American and former political scientist, is planning the "mass solicitation" of Oxford alumni, beginning in April. The techniques that he will be using are so successful that most Ivy League universities are disappointed to raise less than $150 million (about £83 million) a year.

This requires an intelligence network that rivals the CIA, and a marketing strategy that is the envy of many multinationals. The key, according to Terry Halcombe, director of development at Yale, is: "Keeping track of alumni, where they are and what they are doing."

The first stage is easy and likely to be directly copied by Oxford. Each edition of the alumni magazine at Yale, sent monthly to graduates, has a section called "Class notes" by which the class secretary keeps track "informally of the rumours about graduates".

The research department then combs scores of magazines and newspapers in search of information that might reveal a graduate of hitherto unknown wealth. "We pick a city, say Detroit," Halcombe says. "We invite a group of Yale alumni to Detroit who we feel would have some knowledge of others and gather them in a room – about 40 to 50 of them.

"They are given a print-out of all the Yale alumni in the Detroit area and one on all their classmates, wherever they are in the world. The gathering then ranks potential donors according to how rich they are and therefore how much they might be expected to give. Someone who was ranked an AA could give $5 million or more, an A rank would be someone with $1 million, all the way down to a D – which means $50,000 or less."

The last time such an operation was launched, in the early 1980s, Yale organized about 300 sessions, including two in London.

Drucker has not yet instigated such an un-British system of information gathering, but his staff have been setting up an alumni database during the past year.

Keeping tabs on old boys and girls is one thing, but why should they give a penny once tracked down? Particularly since Oxford graduates do not feel they have been granted any favours in going to the university where they won places against stiff opposition.

David Fulton of Stanford, which has just launched a campaign for $1.1 billion, says: "Tugging at the heartstrings and playing the old college song does not go down so well as an effort to involve graduates in the university. They have to feel they are contributing in a way that really makes a difference."

Princeton – which ranks third in endowments with $2.3 billion, behind Texas's $2.8 billion (depending on the oil price since it owns a number of oil wells) and Harvard, with $4.5 billion – receives about 80 per cent of its money from individual alumni. The vice-president in charge of development, Van Zandt Williams Jnr, says they are encouraged to feel a strong identity with their class year and with Princeton. "Each class has a reunion attended by 70 per cent of their members every five years and a major reunion every 25 years."

Princeton has 130 alumni associations and clubs all over the country, keeping former students in touch with their old school and helping in the selection of applicants.

Drucker may be able to enlist the help of senators William Bradley, Richard Lugar, David Boren, Larry Pressler, Paul Sarbanes and the former senator J. William Fulbright, as well as governors Bill Clinton and Richard F. Celeste, and former House of Representatives speaker Carl Albert among the 8,000 Oxford graduates in America, but how is he going to turn what he describes as the "sentimental attachment of Americans to the sacred ideal of the Oxford intellect" into hard cash?

Earlier this month, five former US Cabinet Secretaries, the owner of the most influential newspaper in the United States (*The Washington Post*), an Arab sheik, a British knight, a handful of billionaires and former ambassadors – and a religious leader – gathered in Harvard University.

Officially they were meeting to discuss how to raise their Alma Mater's international profile. But a source close to one delegate said after the meeting: "I think it must have been the last hurrah in fundraising."

While men such as former Cabinet Secretary Zibigniew Brzezinski (President Carter's National Security Adviser) and His Highness the Aga Khan, are unlikely to be impressed by big names on the committee, the less well-known members of the committee, such as Dr An Wang, head of Wang Laboratories and the richest man on America's West Coast, cannot fail to be moved at being invited to sit with the good, the great and the godly.

The American fundraisers' over-riding fear for the dreaming spires, one shared by the 45 per cent of students who do not support the campaign in Oxford, is that the British government will cut public funding to universities as private money comes in. Kenneth Baker has given his assurance that this will not happen, but Americans, who watched the passage of the Education Reform Act with close interest and were horrified by what they saw as attempts to limit academic freedom, remain cynical.

"Maggie has to come out with a promise, on the record, that she will not cut funding from the taxpayers," says Williams, at Princeton. "If she does not and the British government fails to improve tax incentives to donors, Oxford is going to have a real hard time raising the dough."

TARGETS FOR OXFORD FUNDRAISERS



Sir John Sainsbury (chairman, Sainsburys; Worcester College) left; Sir Adrian Swire (chairman, John Swire; University)



Peter Tyndale Lewis (chairman, John Lewis; Christ Church); Lord Cowdray (chairman, S. Pearson; Christ Church)



Garry Weston (chairman, Associated British Foods; New); Duke of Buccleuch (Disability Association; Christ Church)

Light relief



CRAIG BROWN

Chatto & Windus is shortly to publish a series of polemical pamphlets called "CounterBlasts". Among the most enticing must surely be the forthcoming pamphlet on *Property and Mortgage Tax Relief* by leading novelist Margaret Drabble.

Readers of this column can avoid overnight queues by reading today's exclusive extract.

Chapter One

It was January 9, 1989, and all England, that fractured, divided and broken land, seemed to be talking of one subject, one feature, one item.

"What about that Anthony Howard leaving the deputy editorship of *The Observer*, then, madam?" said Liz's fishmonger. "Shocking business, eh? Shocking."

Liz gazed into the fishmonger's mirror, a solitary fly buzzed around its circumference, jaded, dispirited, perhaps suicidal. The face which looked back at her had lost its use, warts protruded from the nose, a bushy moustache could be detected above the lip. It was the fishmonger's face.

Would life have been better, more good, gooder, if she had been a fishmonger rather than a best-selling novelist married to a leading biographer, wonders Liz.

Hadn't Kierkegaard – Soren Kierkegaard – written something on the topic, the theme, the matter? She would probably never know.

The clouds parted ruthlessly as Liz stepped out on to the pavement, cruelly disgorging a burden of rain. "Hello, Liz; how's James?" It was Charles, who had married Suzie on the rebound from Claudia. Liz had never forgiven Charles's second wife, Karen, for what Rupert, her third son, had done to Jemima after he had left Claudia, who had not recovered from divorcing Frank after his all-too-public affair with Araminta, abandoning Heriot to a lifetime of loneliness with Geoffrey. Still, life was like that.

"The Falklands War is so horrible, so very horrible," said Charles, his face wracked with misery. "How long do you think it will last, Liz?"

"It finished seven years ago, Charles," said Liz. Time seems to mean nothing to Charles these days.

"That's super news," said Charles.

"Why don't you come to a party tonight I am giving with my current husband, Tom?" asked Liz. "It is on the theme of Property and Mortgage Tax Relief. Dress Casual."

Chapter Two

The tide of the country is flowing to the right, thought Liz, as, that late evening, that early night, that post-duskish part of the day when the world seems to erupt in an irridescent, timeless yet volatile phase of tranquillity and harmony, she placed some Estée Lauder Skin Softener Appliqué No 6 on her right cheek, preparing for the party.

Downstairs, her guests were already enjoying the avocado and whelk dip, words fluttering between them like avaricious hamsters.

Esme Prickett, the Kleinian analyst, was wearing her Ralph Lauren sarong, real diamonds sparkling in her ears, as she spoke of the iniquity of home ownership to Melvin Osprey, the editor of the influential weekly *Serious Issues*, whose third wife, Louise Parfait, the famous actress, was discussing mortgage relief with dynamic television presenter Brian Shallow and his mistress, Melissa String, the darts commentator.

I wonder if the concept of evil can be maintained in a truly socialist society, pondered Nigel, as he helped himself to a spearmint-and-anchovy vol-au-vent.

Chapter Three

"The wonderful thing, wotsit, thingamajig, about your parties, Liz," said Hubert Nash, five-times-married theatre director, whose current production, an all-mime version of *A Long Day's Journey into Night*, had divided, separated, split the critics, "is that they are not so much parties as intense discussion groups. Now tell me, what do you think about the dependency of a have and have-not economy on the oppression leverage of mortgage interest rates?"

Outside, the tremulous roar of the moon seemed to cast its sonorous impact on the freshly mown lawn, the recently-dead grass lying twisted and mauled, ravaged for a reason it knew not, nor would ever know. In many ways, thought Liz, it echoed the mood of the nation.

"A handful of the wealthy is being subsidized by this divisive government while the poor are getting poorer, less well off, more out of pocket," said Frank, as he slipped his right hand into Liz's white lace bra, bought at a Harvey Nichols sale in 1984.

The words of Liz's fishmonger, Bert, came back to her: "Shocking business, shocking."

Of course it was shocking, the squalor, the degradation, the misery that so many best-selling novelists felt in this nation, this country, this cluster of isles. Liz watched as Frank's left hand plunged in after his right hand in a vain attempt to release his little finger from a sharp piece of wire she should have had seen to months ago. Beneath her, the floor seemed to shake and tremble with disgust at Thatcherism. But it was only Jemima, stepping on some cashew nuts, falling flat on her face. Life was like that.

Tomorrow: How will interest rates react to the discovery that brilliant, sultry Joanna has decided to leave well-intentioned mortgagee Terence?

Puzzle, in angry speech (9 letters)

It is time to chew your pencil and prepare for battle with the compilers

"This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by X per cent of the competitors at the ____ regional final of *The Times* Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship." Perhaps it is this headmasterly line, faintly reminiscent of the school prize giving, that leads readers to think that the championship puzzles we republish in the paper are more difficult than the general run of daily puzzles. They are not meant to be.

Indeed, we usually start with an easy one, to allow newcomers to find their feet, and the variation in difficulty (or easiness, if you are one of the 30-minute brigade) of the other three is no more marked than in an average week's puzzles. The most difficult of last year's clues, for example, appeared not in a championship final but in a Saturday prize puzzle: "Would he show the red rag as par?" – Transliterator (in the Russian alphabet – given in the appendix to Chambers – the letters corresponding to our R, A and G are P, A and R). So, too, did 1988's most ingenious clue: "Kent gardens round centre of Sevenoaks" – Knew (Kew round SeveNoaks, kent being the past tense of to ken).

The only difference, when compiling a championship puzzle, is that one has to guard against the ambiguous clue that is susceptible to more than one answer, or the word that can be spelled more than one way. Such a lapse will hardly affect the solver's enjoyment in an ordinary puzzle but can be crucial in a championship, where the competitors are penalized for any mistakes.

Contestants are told at the outset that if they have an answer that differs from the official solution but seems equally valid they can appeal to the Crossword Editor as referee. Having once experienced their devious ingenuity in exploiting this appeals procedure, one soon learns to snuffle through each puzzle like a truffle-hunter, rootling for ambiguities.

It is one thing to sit unassailable at home, thinking how to outwit the solver, and quite another to face the enemy at close quarters. For example, one seldom escapes from the Glasgow final without a shocked lecture about the inequity of homophone clues that ignore the purity of Scots speech. "Turn", one is told, does not sound like "tern" to a Scotsman, nor is "source" anything like "sauce".

One must also be ready to explain precisely how every clue works, and justify each word in it, to competitors who by some sixth sense are able to put in the correct answers without knowing why.

As the embattled representative of our 10 compilers, I sometimes feel a little like the recipient of the wartime order when mutiny threatened: "You tell them, Sergeant – I stutter."

Nevertheless, we look forward as willing Aunt Sallys to the 1989 championship, the 19th to be held, and the seventh under the sponsorship of Collins Dictionaries.

The championship begins with the qualifying puzzle, which will appear on Thursday. This is a puzzle of ordinary standard, and has to be solved correctly by all who wish to compete. Because the entry for the London finals is so large, and even though the accommodation is slightly bigger this year, an eliminator puzzle is invariably necessary to reduce the number of qualifiers to manageable proportions. This puzzle, which is intentionally difficult, will appear on Thursday, February 16.

The six regional finals (with new venues for London) are: Leeds: Queens Hotel (capacity 300 competitors), Sunday, March 5; Glasgow: Stakis Grosvenor Hotel (150), Sunday, April 9; Birmingham: Grand Hotel (250), Sunday, April 30; Bristol: Hilton International (300), Sunday, May 14; London A: Saturday, July 1, and London B: Sunday, July 2, Wembley Hilton (325 each day). The national final will be held at the London Hilton, Park Lane, on September 3.

John Grant
Crossword Editor



Study in concentration

Lithograph winner

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CLEMENT FREUD

When the National Theatre on the South Bank became the Royal National Theatre late last year, could it be that the board of management considered it part of Her Majesty's patronage package to depict her on stage – and as a consequence instructed Mr Alan Bennett to write a play containing a part into which the Queen might step if times became hard? As times remained soft, Miss Prunella Scales took on the role of HMQ in *Single Spies* and carries all before her.

It must be very trying for the monarch to know that nightly, within trotting distance of Buckingham Palace, there is this brilliant half-hour scene of herself with Sir Anthony Blunt to which, because of one thing and another, she is unable to go. She misses an outstanding performance by her stand-in. Her loyal subjects show no such reticence and when you ring the box office and ask for seats, there is small likelihood of tickets being available in the v. near future.

Persist, for it is well worth waiting for; every moment of that inspired encounter enthralls the audience and if "Queen Beatrix showed us her Vermeer; one has a Vermeer so one was quite interested" may have been the most memorable remark, there are many more sparkling epithets which one – I mean I – wished I had conceived. What this will do for Alan Bennett's prospects in future Honours lists is another matter entirely.

My number one son flew to New York by British Airways (never mind about Dad's dispute, fly the flag), the ticket bought by his company. Because of a change of aircraft he and a whole batch of other business class passengers were downgraded to economy – with subsequent refunds made to the companies' travel agents, which amused them hardly at all. On the tarmac, before take-off, came the safety announcement: "In the unlikely event of having to land on water put your head between your legs."

Now Dominic, by virtue of his youth, fitness and athleticism, is one of the few people I know capable of putting his head between his legs, but he could not manage it in BA economy class because the seat in front got in the way. How does a plane get a certificate of airworthiness when those on board, thanks to the aircraft's configuration, are unable to abide by the safety instructions?

I do miss the headline "Bolton man crosses dog with cat". Throughout my life, every few years someone is credited with a successful mutant, calling the ensuing phenomenon cog or dat, extolling the virtues of a spaniel that purrs, or a Siamese cat which barks and snaps at intruders' ankles.

"Why did you want a cog?" asks the reporter.

"Well it's unique," comes the reply.

And I suppose if the breed took off they would mate with one another, produce thoroughbreds and rent the Albert Hall for their annual show.

They *have* done mutations with lemons and oranges, encompassing limes along the way. The answer is a lima arrived at after grafting branch members of the citrus family to each other until the new species was up and running. The fruit is the size of a small orange, coloured a little warmer than lemon yellow, the skin is thin and peels readily and the taste is unadulterated high-octane rubbish. Neither sweet nor tart, fairly dry and genuinely as dull as any fruit I have encountered.

Squeeze a lima and you obtain a juice that resembles what you get from an insufficiency of lemonade crystals dissolved in too much tap water. There are countries even within the EEC where you cannot find good British foods because they cannot afford foreign imports; why we should louse up our balance of payments by the purchase of Spanish limas needs explanation.

BARRY FANTONI



'I had no idea his garden backed on to Avebury'

Asked by stewards to account for a significantly improved performance of an animal in their care, racing folk usually respond: "No one makes a bigger fool of a trainer than a racehorse." The seventh race at Warwick on Saturday was a two-mile handicap hurdle for horses at the very bottom of the racing ladder. As the field came to the last bend a five-year-old mare, ridden by a jockey yet to ride a winner under National Hunt rules, detached herself from her companions and, like Sebastian Coe in a parents' race at a convent, progressed in the course of one furlong from fourth place to leaving the other runners 20 lengths in her wake; she won by a street – despite some erratic steering over the last obstacles – at odds of 50-1.

"Did that surprise you?" I asked the trainer.

"Not really," he said.

"Did you back her?"

"No, I backed mine in the first race but she found the going too sticky."

Looking at the form, Winnie the Witch has had five outings and the best performance to date was a seven-length third of five finishers in a selling plate at Leicester last month. The trainer bought her after that seller – "for a syndicate who like to have a bit of fun on the racecourse, and they all backed her."

As one wager of £25 would have halved those 50-1 odds, I wonder whether it could be the Plymouth Brethren. Racing is an unpredictable game, but not usually quite as unpredictable as that.

David Brewerton sketches the background to the impending assault on GEC, the giant that lost its way; **Dudley Fishburn** (below) believes the shareholders should decide the outcome

Full circle for the takeover tycoon

"I think Arnold would like to go back to making Marconi radio sets", confided the then finance director of General Electric Company a couple of years ago. Soon, he may have the chance. GEC is under threat of takeover and if the assault succeeds, Arnold (now Lord) Weinstock will be out of a job.

Former employees of the dozens of companies which GEC acquired during the 1960s and 1970s will think the circle has at last been squared and the man who put tens of thousands out of work will get his final, just deserts.

He will fight to the end, but in the end, if his shareholders sell out to Sir John Cuckney, the man who saved Westland, he can hardly complain. Lord Weinstock built his company and his personal reputation by the takeover sword, and there would be a neat symmetry in GEC eventually dying by it.

Lord Weinstock's current predicament has even been triggered by his own latest piece of takeover activity, the £1.7 billion bid he is mounting jointly with Siemens of Germany for Plessey, the British electronics group.

Triggered, but not caused. The proposed takeover of GEC, announced on Saturday morning by the merchant bank Lazard Bros, is the result of what the big institutions of the City see as loss of direction, coupled with pressure from within the group for change at the top.

For most of the past decade, investors in GEC have seen their shares do significantly less well than those of the stock market as a whole. Even before "Black Monday" in October 1987, GEC shares had failed for five years to keep pace even with inflation.

Lord Weinstock, the man who went to work for his father-in-law and ended up taking over his company, and who in 1967 and 1968 made two of the biggest takeover bids the world had seen, had failed to drive the group forward into the 1980s.

In the late 1960s he won a hostile bid battle for Associated Electrical Industries and followed this with the agreed takeover of English Electric. In two years he effectively restructured the British electrical industry, and was as acclaimed by the City and Whitehall as he was feared by the trade unions.

His reputation, a relentless pursuit of cost savings and efficiencies, and further astute takeovers, sustained Weinstock through the 1970s. He hated spending money, and his attention to detail allowed GEC to build up a cash mountain that was standing at more than £1 billion by the early 1980s. The problems with its shareholders began when GEC failed to spend it.

It allowed the much smaller and newer electronics group, Racal, to walk away with Decca when the failing health of Decca's chairman, Ted Lewis, forced the company on to the auction block. It bowed to West German pressure and dropped a bid for AEG. Then, at the end of 1985, GEC bid for its long-standing electronics rival, Plessey.

Plessey was in trouble because of the effects of falling oil prices on its major customers in the Middle East and problems with profitability in telecommunications. But it still persuaded the Government to refer the bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which blocked it as being against the public interest.

Two years on, GEC is again bidding for Plessey, arguing that the situation has changed because Plessey and GEC have already merged their telecommunications businesses and because Siemens of Europe has been brought into the act.

Despite the attempts to buy Plessey, the City has been unimpressed by GEC's recent record, and 18 months ago a group of financial institutions met to discuss what could be done to improve the value of GEC shares. Various schemes were put forward, including a change of management and even a consortium bid.

But the ideas lacked focus until the matter was given fresh impetus by the current bid for Plessey. Sir John Cuckney, a director of Lazard Bros, the bank defending Plessey, and a veteran of the unscrambling of the Crown Agents and Westland affairs, put himself forward as the linchpin of a bid for GEC. The two bids will now run concurrently until the institutions – most of whom have shares in both companies – decide which to back.

Sir John sees himself acting for the institutional shareholders. He is chairman of Royal Insurance and of the huge venture capital company, 3i. Their backing will be crucial to the attitude of other institutions.

His idea is not to buy them out, but to offer them an alternative to GEC's present structure and corporate management. He has raised £3.5 billion through Barclays Bank to offer investors at least half and probably two-thirds of the current value of the shares in hard cash.

But existing investors will also acquire shares in Sir John's company, Metsun Limited, so they will share in any benefits which might flow from the restructuring.

One key element is still Plessey, which will buy GEC's half share in the joint telecommunications business. Other parts of the group will be sold, merged or offered to their existing management, some of whom are said to be so disenchanted with attitudes at the corporate centre that they are known as GEC's "freedom fighters".

The other key element is the attitude of the Government. The bid is likely to expose again the deep division within the Conservative Party over merger and competition policy.

On the one hand, there are the traditional Tories who feel that mergers involving the acquisition of national assets by overseas buyers – highlighted by Nestlé's recent takeover of Rowntree – should be thoroughly investigated before they are allowed. On the other are those who adhere to the policy laid down by Norman Tebbit, when he was Trade Secretary, that the only factor of importance is whether competition will be reduced.

The Cuckney camp believes a reference to the Monopolies Commission is a distinct possibility. But what is absolutely certain is that the appearance in the bidding consortium of names from France and the United States will trigger a political debate on the ownership of industry unequalled in its ferocity since the Westland affair claimed the cabinet seats of two ministers.

Cuckney got his way then. He may do so again.

David Brewerton
Executive editor, finance

Let the market fight it out

The takeover bid by a Plessey-led consortium for GEC, or by GEC for Plessey, will be as bitter and as public as it is large. For bogus arguments as to why one or the other is unfair, against the national interest, or commercially illogical, are already starting to fly. I list below five red herrings that are usually peddled in takeover bids. These are the ones to look out for, laugh at, and discard:

● First is the Damn Foreigner defence. This is heard almost every time a foreign company bids for a British one. And it is heard abroad, particularly in America, on each of those rather more frequent occasions that a British company mounts a takeover in someone else's patch.

The Rowntree takeover did most to discredit this line of defence. Remember how horrid Swiss Nestlé was going to carry off a bit of our English heritage? Then someone pointed out that Nestlé was already a bigger company in Britain and gave more jobs to Englishmen than Rowntree itself.

The Damn Foreigner defence would be especially hypocritical and nonsensical if used by either side of the GEC-Plessey imbroglio. GEC, after all, mounted its bid for Plessey with that foreigner Siemens on its side; Plessey's allies, in retaliation, contain a list of equally distinguished foreigners.

But does any Briton working at IBM or Ford feel a foreign wage slave? Do they go to work in the morning with a sense of guilt that their contribution to the British economy is somehow less than if they clocked in at ICL or Rover? I was recently on the North Slope of Alaska, where the principal oil producer is BP. An oil rigger I spoke to had no idea that BP might be British Petroleum. He was damned, he said, if he was working for a Limey company. And, of course, he wasn't far wrong. At the time, more than 30 per cent of BP was in Kuwaiti or other foreign ownership.

● According to Bogus Argument No 2, it is all stock market opportunism. This one always goes down well because we all love to hate the City. Played well, this red herring brings in speculators undoing the work of long-term investment plans and years of careful research sacrificed to short-term interests. Nonsense piled upon nonsense. Don't forget that GEC itself was cobbled together less than 20 years ago by a series of takeovers.

A stock market does nothing more nor less than value a company; no different in principle, though usually more efficient in practice, from an estate agent valuing a house. To blame the stock market, or suggest that it has the ability to act as an independent player in takeover bids, is nonsense. The stock market doesn't act, it reacts.

The owners of GEC or Plessey shares, who will decide the fate of either bid, will, of course, mostly be the pension funds. So while either side may conjure up the "City slicker" as their public enemy, think instead of the pensioner whose funds are really at stake. (There *are* a few City slickers and some banks have misbehaved in takeovers. Britain's slow system of justice has not yet put the wrong-doers behind bars).

● Next we come to the bogus argument that the national interest is at stake. This argument takes note that both GEC and Plessey make equipment that is vital to the defence of the nation, equipping not chocolate soldiers, like Rowntree, but real ones.

It is because the efficient and effective defence of the country is such a vital issue, quite rightly at the top of this government's priorities, that it is proper to add to this argument, when it is deployed, not just the adjective "bogus", but "evil" as well.



The Nimrod: a compelling argument for Britain's defence industry to take a wider international view

Britain's defences are far too important to be left to national suppliers alone. This has long been recognized with our nuclear defence systems, Polaris and Trident, and with the airborne early-warning system, which Britain quite properly bought from Boeing when GEC's Nimrod failed to come up to scratch.

Our armed forces need the best equipment in the world, not just the equipment a home-based supplier has on offer under near-monopoly conditions. If, in a couple of months, Plessey finds that it has Siemens as a part-owner or GEC discovers that among its new managers are a number of foreign defence contractors, that must be good news for Britain's forces. It will be a guarantee that their equipment ranks with the world's best.

To see the hollowness of this "national interest" argument, consider two of Britain's recently privatized defence companies, Rolls-Royce and British Aerospace. Both are flourishing in the international marketplace. Both say their equipment is better, more reliable, more modern, more certain of supply, because of overseas sales and overseas ownership in their equity.

British Aerospace believes this last point so strongly that it has been vigorously lobbying the Government to allow foreigners to buy *more* of its stock than the present artificial limit permits. More foreign shareholders, it says, would increase the company's capital base and its marketing clout, and allow it to expand faster, thus providing a better defence capability.

With 1992 (or, for that matter, any other future date) coming up, it is quite clear that Europe's defence procurement must break away from the pattern set at the end of the Second World War. The idea that each country's forces should be supplied only by its own defence companies is unsustainable and morally wrong. We have long had a common defence interest and a common strategy, but ask a West German soldier today to work an English radar system and he would be flummoxed. That must change for the sake of all our own safety.

● Bogus Argument No 4 concerns size. Wait for the arguments from GEC, when about to gobble up Plessey, that "Plessey is too small to survive in the capital-intensive business of radar production", or from the Plessey-led consortium that "Europe's electronic companies must merge to become big enough to take on America's or Japan's".

Both arguments fail to hold water. Size, big or small, carries no secrets to commercial success. The greatest shake-up in the electronics industry of the past 15 years came from a garage in Palo Alto, California: the personal computer. Much of the best work for the Star Wars project is being done in small laboratories in the US desert states.

On the other hand, the long-term development of orthodox technologies – nuclear submarines, or electronic transmission equipment – probably does respond to the investment of multi-national, global resources. But in size itself, there is no corporate magic. Beware of the obfuscators who claim that there is.

● Proponents of the final bogus argument say, simply, that the politicians ought to do something. Both GEC and Plessey have already begun working over the wretched politicians with reasons why one bid or the other is "politically unacceptable".

It will not be long before the House of Commons is buzzing with early day motions, calls for emergency debates, heated questions, inspired leaks and all the healthy huffing and puffing of our democracy. Parliament is a system, wondrous to behold, magnificent to be part of, efficient at taking the national mood: but nothing in its history suggests that among its strengths is international corporate strategy.

There are only two legitimate political questions to be asked about these rival takeovers. Will the nation's safety be imperilled? Answer, no. Will competition – the choice available to the British consumer – be unacceptably narrowed? Answer, no. The idea of a minister or a parliamentary committee trying to second-guess the future of electrical engineering, or the development of European equity ownership patterns in the 1990s defies, I hope, belief.

Stand back. Let the bids commence.

Dudley Fishburn
The author is Conservative MP for Kensington.

Commentary • MARTIN O'NEILL

Fabians in the front line

The major debate in the second stage of Labour's policy review got off to a good start at the weekend. The Fabian Society's new year conference at Ruskin College, Oxford, attracted a record number of participants to discuss defence and disarmament. It also saw the publication of the latest Fabian tract on the subject, *Working for Common Security*.

If the quality of debate at the conference and the usefulness of the pamphlet are anything to go by then it may just be possible for Labour to come through the defence review process relatively unscathed.

Labour's defence debate will go on in one form or another beyond the next party conference. There are three main problems: Labour is not seen as being "serious" about the subject; defence is a source of disunity; and many regard a non-nuclear policy as rendering Britain defenceless.

The grasp of issues and the cogency of the arguments laid out in the pamphlet show that the authors are deadly serious about defence. Indeed, when the party review has been completed in early summer the report will have to stand comparison with the Fabian document.

The significance of the part played by defence in the Labour defeats of 1983 and 1987 is difficult to assess. Certainly no single issue can be responsible for the scale of the Tory victories. The authors do not dwell on this ssince it would distract them from their purpose – "to set out a political framework through which the next Labour government can work towards the goal of common security".

This is not another of those attempts to find a compromise between the irreconcilables in the Labour defence debate. Indeed, there are repeated calls for a moratorium in this dispute. Rather it is an attempt to assess what new thinking is required by Britain and Nato to match that displayed by Reagan and Gorbachov.

In a concise critique of flexible response the authors quote Morton Halpern, the American analyst, to devastating effect: "Nato doctrine is that we will fight with conventional weapons until we are losing, then we will fight with tactical weapons until we are losing, and then we will blow up the world."

They also pray in aid the authors of the original doctrine, Denis Healey and Robert McNamara, who no longer subscribe to the validity of escalation theory. For good measure they throw in a reference to the report of the British Atlantic Committee, co-authored by Sir Frank Cooper, formerly permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence, which dismissed the theory "as impractical nonsense".

A reduction in conventional capacity on both sides of the inner German border would largely eliminate the need for tactical nuclear systems. This would leave the way open for the scrapping of short-range nuclear weapons in Europe and the adoption by Nato of the no-first-use doctrine. This in turn would establish the trust on which minimal deterrence could be established.

The Fabians recognize that as long as "Nato leaders are prisoners of old dogma" there is a considerable way to go. It is to the Labour Party that they look for a lead. They are quick to point out that they are not seeking "to jettison the strategy of non-nuclear defence". They argue, however, that "the task of reviewing policy will be easier if a ceasefire is declared in the trench warfare between the unilateralists and the multilateralists."

They recognize that Britain will have at least one of the Trident submarines available for preliminary training by 1991. The savings from the cancellation of the programme will be severely limited by then and that scope for alternative expenditure on conventional weapons, or even on social provisions, will have been reduced to under £2 billion spread over seven years.

Membership of Nato is not an issue. Common cause should be made with the West German Social Democrats to establish a nuclear weapons-free corridor along the inner German border and to adopt a no-first-use of nuclear weapons.

This would be achieved by agreement within the alliance to secure a change of direction, and then by negotiations with the Warsaw Pact.

They also emphasize the importance of negotiations in securing the withdrawal of nuclear arms from the F1-11 bombers based in Britain. They stress that this must not be at the cost of their redeployment elsewhere in Europe or at the expense of other changes they seek in Nato strategy.

On the question of Trident and Polaris they are less certain of their approach. They wish to place these weapons in a "practical political framework". Two options seem to attract them: either a second stage of strategic arms reduction talks or direct negotiations with the Soviet Union. To them it is inevitable that such options would require "flexibility in the timing and phasing of the withdrawal of our strategic weapons" and that care would have to be taken "to avoid jogging the elbows of the negotiators in Geneva".

They give no comfort to those who would retain a British deterrent at all costs since they stress that acceptance of multilateral or bilateral approaches "do not imply that possession of a strategic nuclear force is essential for the defence and security of Britain".

It is inevitable that in a short paper of this nature there will be some gaps and omissions. The authors, for example, do not address the problem of what we do with Polaris/Trident until we get rid of them. They have avoided a clear reassessment of the Soviet threat. That they have not been explicit about future British expenditure levels can be defended by their call for a comprehensive defence review. These omissions are of secondary importance compared to the wide sweep of the paper and the honest and frank way it deals with so many of the critical issues.

If Labour's defence review procedure is to have any credibility it must not only face up to the issues in the tract; it must also command such support that after the debates and the votes at conference, it will not be a source of further anarchic dissent.

The author, MP for Clackmannan, is Labour spokesman on defence.

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General de Gaulle was president of the provisional government of France from 1944 to 1946, when he resigned. From 1951 he kept aloof from politics, but in June 1958 he was called upon to form a government; six months later he was president, a position he occupied until 1969.

PRESIDENT DE GAULLE TAKES FULL POWERS

From Our Own Correspondent

PARIS, Jan. 8

Almost exactly 13 years after he voluntarily abandoned the leadership of his country, General de Gaulle to-day became the first President of the Fifth Republic for a term of seven years. M. Coty, the retiring President, in his farewell speech observed that thus "the foremost among Frenchmen becomes the first man in France."

President de Gaulle's first political action was this afternoon to ask M. Michel Debré to form a Government.

No head of State under the Third or Fourth Republic ever assumed office with more power or more popular backing. Under the new constitution the President has wide authority in foreign affairs, defence, and Algerian affairs, and greatly increased powers in regard to the appointment of the Government and the dissolution of Parliament.

He is also the head of the French Community (the successor to the French Union), and in that capacity presides over the Executive Council of the Community, the members of which are the French Prime Minister and the heads of Governments of all the member-States, i.e., most of the former oversea territories in French Black Africa.

These powers are extensive enough, and they are going to be exercised by a man who has described himself as the "guide of France," a description amply justified by the results of the referendum on the constitution, formally announced to-day.

These gave him a majority of 79.25 per cent taking France and the oversea territories together: and the figure increased to well over 90 per cent in the French African territories other than Guinea and Niger. Thus there would seem to be justification also for the General's claim, made at his famous Press conference at the height of last year's crisis, that "I am a man who belongs to no one and belongs to everyone."

The ceremony of transfer of presidential authority from M. Coty to General de Gaulle took place in the *salle des fêtes* in the Elysée Palace this morning. General Catroux, the Chancellor of the Legion of Honour, placed the gold collar of the order round General de Gaulle's neck and said: "We recognize you as the guardian of our national order."

M. Coty said he was proud once more to pay tribute to General de Gaulle, round whom the people of France, superficially so divided, had rediscovered their profound unity.

General de Gaulle, speaking as President for the first time, said: "In the majestic character of this ceremony the renovated institutions of the Republic and the new institutions of the Community enter into force." France had suffered more in the past half century than at any time in her history.

He emphasized the importance of the new links between France and the peoples of Africa, and said that the Algeria of to-morrow, pacified and transformed, would have a choice place in this structure, developing her own personality and closely linked with France.

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BIDDING FOR GEC

The putative consortium bid for the General Electric Company may be seen, in its immediate origin, as a daring counter-attack by the Clark family of Plessey against their long-standing senior rival Lord Weinstock. But it raises a series of issues vital to the future of Britain's most important industries.

The future of the British electrical and electronics industry as a whole is immediately at stake. Unlike any other British company in these industries, or most others, GEC combines the strength of a variety of important products linked by common technologies. The multi-national consortium bid would also be the first, on this scale, to bring the new techniques of very large bank-financed takeover bids from across the Atlantic.

The latest of these debt-financed bids, for the tobacco and foods conglomerate RJR Nabisco, was bigger than the £7 billion that might be required to make a serious assault on GEC. But, unlike the bid for GEC, it was of little significance, other than in its financing.

In the United States, there are many companies of GEC's size whose ownership and future structure are predominantly of interest only to shareholders and employees. There are some European companies to which similar considerations might apply but they are the exceptions. Most companies of the largest scale are of strategic importance to the nations in which they are based and, in many cases, to the industrial future of Europe as a whole.

Now that international banks have brought this technique across the Atlantic, governments will need to form their own response to what could otherwise quickly change the face of industry, almost entirely from a short-term financial perspective. This applies particularly in Britain, where markets are most open, the Government keen not to intervene unecessarily and where large financial institutions generally do not see national industrial interests as part of their brief.

At the very least, any such takeover bid for GEC would need to be investigated straight away by the Monopolies Commission to ascertain the detailed intentions of the consortium partners and the effects on the national interest. Indeed, one motive of Plessey may be to ensure that the £1.7 billion GEC/Siemens bid for itself is vetted by the authorities, as it should be.

That is not to say that the present shape of GEC should be regarded as sacrosanct. A distinction needs to be made between the GEC as a corporate entity and the need for the nation to have at least one powerful electrical and electronics group capable of staying up with the worldwide technical race.

At an industrial level, GEC has been well managed. It was lean and fit long before the term came into use and therefore survived the industrial earthquakes of 1981-83, when many other important industrial groups had to learn the lessons already applied at GEC. The electrical industry was safe in Lord Weinstock's hands.

GEC's exact form is not vital. It may be neccessary to have a group strong in electronics and power generation. It is not vital that it should make wire, petrol pump machinery or built-in ovens. It is, however, necessary that there should be an electrical group of sufficient scale and breadth to support research and development — and to apply it — across a wide range of internationally traded goods.

As Lord Weinstock has recognized, neither GEC nor probably any other European company has been big enough to ensure long-term international survival in areas such as telecommunications, electronic medical equipment and power engineering. It may be, therefore, that the strategic role would be better protected by a merged European group — most obviously an Anglo-German combine.

The consortium's leader Sir John Cuckney may be able to persuade the government that he can offer such a solution. It would not be acceptable for the GEC to be broken up for purely short-term motives in a way that would simply bolster the international strength of overseas rivals at Britain's industrial expense.

DEATH OF THE EMPEROR

Over the months since Emperor Hirohito first lay mortally ill, the world has been introduced to a forgotten Japan. Out of the cities of bullet trains and robot-staffed factories has emerged an old imperial country in which deferential crowds gather in silence to pray for their Emperor, a country in which courtiers resume their time-honoured role as guardians of state secrets.

The curtain has now fallen on the life of the Emperor Hirohito. The lingering nature of his death will be a subject for discussion in the Occident for years to come. In the Orient, however, it seemed to confer on Hirohito some air of that immortality with which the Emperor of Japan was traditionally believed to be blessed. The throne has been enhanced.

In Japan, the death of the Emperor marks the formal end of one era and the start of another. The 60-year Showa era of Hirohito embraced two decades of militarist aggression, atomic destruction and the unique shame of occupation by a foreign power. Through the people's energies, aided by a far-sighted American peace settlement, Japan then attained in peace the maturity and recognition that it had failed to achieve by conquest.

Hirohito gave these events a continuity that may have been embarrassing. To many millions outside Japan, Hirohito will be remembered less for the dignified last years of his reign than for its first phase, when aggressive war was waged in his name and barbarous atrocities were committed.

To those people, the Emperor's passing will bring back painful memories. It will not be a cause for their mourning — and the pressure to stop a member of the Royal Family attending the funeral, though misguided, is understandable.

The ability to undergo traumatic change and absorb new influences without losing cultural identity has been one of the strongest features of Japanese society. Hirohito became the living symbol of this continuity.

He became an object of respectful affection, however, through the one truly decisive moment of action for his people in his long life. In 1945 he made a casting vote for peace in a divided Cabinet, broadcast an order to his people to surrender, and touched the victorious General MacArthur's sense of nobility by asking that blame for the war be attached to himself rather than his people. He thereby helped keep a shocked people together when they might have taken a revolutionary turn.

To the Soviet leadership of the time, this was a disappointment. Stalin had agitated for the Emperor to be treated as a war criminal. His apparent hope was that Japan could be destabilized, easing the way for a Soviet conquest of Japanese-occupied Manchuria and the Kurile Islands and extending Soviet influence, if nothing more, to Japan itself. The US decision to retain Emperor Hirohito thwarted Soviet ambitions.

Within Japan, the continuity of Hirohito's person allowed Japanese families to share their war guilt. To some, that was the personal guilt of cruelty. To most ordinary people of the time, it was guilt by complicity. Hirohito's own role remains discreetly veiled. Even if he was guilty only by complicity, his was a failure to oppose evil by the only individual who might have succeeded.

Despite Hirohito's post-war renunciation of the legendary divinity of the imperial family, some aura of myth was bound to linger in his person. Now the Japanese must develop a new relationship with their Emperor that will provide a focus of national unity without awe.

Japan is the third great pillar of Western democracy. The dynamism and stability of the world's second biggest economy is vital for international prosperity and, most of all, for the peaceful development of Pacific Asia. Friends of the Japanese will therefore hope that they succeed in developing their own new kind of constitutional monarchy — one that can promote the new national goal of taking a greater outward-looking world role, rather than holding it back.

This is an abridged version of the leading article from later editions on Saturday.

LIGHT AT NIGHT

Recent research has demonstrated what was obvious to common sense already, that a systematic improvement in street lighting can bring about a substantial reduction in street crime. It has an equal effect in reducing anxiety about crime, thereby liberating those many members of the population, particularly the elderly and most vulnerable, who feel imprisoned in their homes by fear of the darkness outside and what might be lurking in it.

Scripture calls the devil the Prince of Darkness. Metaphors equating light with virtue and truth are as old as the hills. But in the modern age, it seems, such wisdom has to be rediscovered.

The new research, at a housing estate in Edmonton, north London, has shown that there is an inverse relationship between the amount of light and the amount of crime, in other words that one dim bulb every 50 yards is much less of a discouragement to nefarious nocturnal activity than a blaze of light in all directions. The people of this housing estate are entitled to feel that anything so plain as daylight hardly needed to be proved.

The research was paid for by Thorn Electrical and conducted by Middlesex Centre for Criminology at Middlesex Polytechnic, both of whom may well also have felt that they were engaged in a somewhat unnecessary demonstration. But the justification of their efforts can be found in the pedantry of the official response.

The Government says it will "look very carefully" at this research — with its lights on, one hopes — but seems to think further experiments, perhaps taking another two years, would be a good idea. There will certainly need to be some knocking of heads together between the Home Office, responsible for crime prevention, and the Department of the Environment, responsible for local authority finance.

Some benefits can be achieved simply by moving lights to reduce shadow and cover the street area more efficiently. These measures were illustrated in a video that the department has made to show local authorities how to improve lighting within existing budgets.

But better street lighting will also cost more. It is more expensive to leave lights on all night than to switch them off in the small hours. It is expensive to upgrade existing lighting equipment to emit more power.

For some time a group of MPs has been pressing the Government to take street lighting more seriously. In talking to the Home Office they will have been preaching to the converted. They have been seeking a substantial public investment running to millions of pounds.

Issues like this can often fall between two departmental stools. If better street lighting is linked to the Government's programme for inner urban regeneration, it is in danger of falling between more stools than two, given how many departments have a stake in that.

The Government is rightly determined to raise the level of public alertness concerning crime prevention, but most of its efforts so far have been concentrated on household security. The security of the streets at night is no less serious.

It would be to the Government's credit if it were to take the Edmonton scheme as a model and standard rather than as an interesting experiment needing to be studied at leisure. It would make a difference to the lives of millions of people.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Eye for an eye' and terrorism

From Mr Michael A. Clark

Sir, Your leading article, "Eyes for eyes" (January 3), was the best piece of writing on the subject of standing up to terrorism that one could have wished to read.

As a Christian and generally a great supporter of Mrs Thatcher in the things she says, I was dismayed to hear her response to the "eye-for-an-eye" question in her television interview. I think she was caught by the presentation of the question by David Frost and one felt instantly that something was not right with her answer.

She certainly missed a wonderful opportunity to state what you, Sir, have now made so abundantly clear in your article.

I particularly support your mention of an "eye for an eye" being a trap for the unwary. It is, of course, wrong thinking by the clergy that has done much to set the trap on this whole question. But I thought the Prime Minister was *aware* of their mistaken belief.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL A. CLARK,
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Moseley, Birmingham 11.
January 4.

From Mr Patrick Ellis

Sir, Your leading article, "Eyes for eyes", prompts me to raise three questions which do not appear to have been addressed by you or by Mrs Thatcher. I would ask:

1. To what court of law should the criminals be brought, if and when apprehended?
2. What means of bringing them *into the courts' jurisdiction* are to be used, particularly if they are situated in territory not wholly hostile to terrorism?
3. What penalty is deemed appropriate for the crime?

In your leader of December 30 you wrote: "But governments must offer their citizens protection against being murdered", and I submit that this duty is one to which only lip service is being paid. As an example, an active member of the IRA who operated at the beginning of "the Troubles" can have served two periods of imprisonment for terrorist offences and be back on the streets in action now.

To me, a lifelong Conservative supporter, this does not signify any kind of commitment to the upholding of law and order which was promised and the level of violent crime on the streets demonstrates the extent of the Government's failure.

I am sure that I am not alone in finding the complacency of ministers of the Government, which in some cases approximates to arrogance, the most dispiriting aspect of all.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK ELLIS,
127 Aldwick Road,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

From Mr Roche Bentley

Sir, Your editorial criticising Mrs Thatcher's rejection of the "eye-for-an-eye" philosophy may have missed the point of what she was saying and to whom.

I would wager that Mrs Thatcher would be privately delighted at news of the complete destruction of any terrorist camp or bomb factory. In making the point against revenge attacks couldn't Mrs Thatcher have been subtly pre-empting any "request" from Washington for a strike against Middle East targets by American fighters and bombers based on British soil?

Yours faithfully,
ROCHE BENTLEY,
Whitegrove House,
Boxworth, Cambridgeshire.

Flight recorders

From Professor R. V. Jones, FRS

Sir, Mr Paul Hepworth (December 30) may be interested to know that his suggestion that flight data recorders should have their own emergency power supplies to be switched on in case of catastrophic failure was certainly envisaged by the inventor of the original recorder, the late K. G. Dobson.

He was one of the ablest of my wartime colleagues, and in the 1950s he developed the "Midas" recorder and its analysing equipment (which at that stage used some 800 thermionic valves) almost single-handed. Its first major success was to show what had led to the crash of the BAC 1-11 prototype in 1963.

The precise clock for the recorder, incidentally, was designed and made by another wartime colleague of remarkable ability, R. A. Fell, who died on December 5. Both he and Dobson had been majors together in REME.

After various vicissitudes in its commercial development in Britain the recorder was taken up by Lockheed, in America, and it has long been a standard item of air craft equipment. I do not know at which stage the very sensible provision of emergency power was dropped, if indeed it has been, but your readers may care to know that the valuable contribution to air safety made by flight data recorders stems from a British invention that was pressed to success against protracted resistance.

I never heard either Dobson or Fell refer to the recorder as a "black box"; but one of their designs had a spherical casing to give maximum strength against crushing and they painted it orange to make it as conspicuous as possible after a crash — and this they named "the clockwork orange".

Yours faithfully,
R. V. JONES,
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January 5.

Seeking a balance on doctors' hours

From Dr Roger Williams

Sir, Your leader of January 4 is right in drawing attention to the need for consideration of junior doctors' hours within the overall scheme of hospital working, including that of the consultants, and I understand from your report today (later editions) that the Secretary of State for Health is to discuss the issue with BMA representatives on Monday.

One point not made in your leader was the possible effect on the junior doctors of the reduction in registrar posts for UK graduates which is part of the "Achieving a Balance" proposals initiated by the Government two years ago.

Some of the present registrar posts will then be made available to overseas doctors coming to this country for further training, but it is likely that there could well be an increased burden passing down to senior house officers and house officers, as well as up to consultants. Unfortunately, the other and much more important part of the "Achieving a Balance" proposals — to further increase the *number of consultants* — is being slow in implementation, particularly in the acute specialties.

What I was worried by in your leader, however, was the idea that consultants should in future be forced to choose between two quite separate careers — i.e., in the NHS or in the independent private hospitals. What surely is needed is development of the private sector within the NHS, so that consultants are effectively working whole-time in one place and a proper audit of the quality of hospital work in the two sectors becomes a practical proposition. Patients would also be able to move more easily from NHS to private and vice versa, according to their individual circumstances at different stages of life.

Until this goal is accepted as official policy, NHS private wings will lag behind independent private hospitals and different standards of care will prevail, according to the ability to pay.

Yours faithfully,
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January 6.

From the President of the College of Anaesthetists

Sir, Over 30 years ago, trainees in Newcastle were forbidden to administer anaesthetics alone on the day after night duty. This sensible rule, almost unique then, is now widely acknowledged, but cannot be implemented everywhere.

There is a crucial problem in that most health authorities, due to poor or absent planning, now have multiple locations to which emergencies are admitted, with more than one accident unit and hospital for emergency surgery, two or more obstetric units, and several intensive-care units, each of which requires anaesthetists and other medical staff on continuous duty.

In my own teaching hospital, the University Hospital of Wales, there are nine trainee anaesthetists on duty every day and night in four locations, so that there is limited opportunity for backing each other up, or reducing the number on emergency duty simultaneously. District hospitals with even lower staffing ratios have greater problems.

Increasing the consultant establishment is certainly one vital step in improving matters. However, it is also essential to concentrate emergency services on fewer sites, preferably one in each district. This would permit a smaller number of separate teams to be on duty, adequate back-up, easier interaction with, and availability of, specialised services, and the fullest consultant participation.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL ROSEN, President,
College of Anaesthetists,
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

From Mr Dick Greenwood

Sir, Most NHS consultants are contracted for 10 3½-hour sessions a week. However, if working a one-in-four rota, including weekends, they are on duty an average of 68 hours a week, during which time they must be available and, in particular, responsible for the patients under their care.

One-in-three or one-in-two rotas, of course, push up the average. Whilst not particularly onerous in certain disciplines, this availability can be significant in the more acute specialties.

Consultants are being urged to increase their activity, whilst maintaining adequate standards of care, in the face of reduced resources and fewer supporting junior staff working shorter hours. Furthermore, to increased accountability, audit, and escalating litigation (and defence-society subscriptions) is now added the threatened loss of clinical autonomy to general practitioners.

By all means support our junior hospital colleagues, but please spare a thought for their seniors.

Yours faithfully,
DICK GREENWOOD
(Consultant surgeon),
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Revolutionary rights

From the Chairman, William and Mary Tercentenary Trust

Sir, The Glorious Revolution has been the subject of comment in both your articles (December 27, 28) and two letters (January 6).

Surely, the important thing about it was that it probably prevented this country from having an English revolution, and, whatever may be said by certain factions, a much more tolerant spirit was abroad from then on. We must also not forget the Bill of Rights, which constitutionally set this whole process in motion.

It is interesting to conjecture whether these rights will now be superseded by European sovereignty. I think many agree with the Prime Minister that what is wanted is the best of Europe commercially, while retaining our own rights in Parliament.

The year 1989 is the anniversary of Queen Mary's return to London, and the Coronation, and we will be celebrating that. There is a wealth of new publications on the subject and I think your readers would find a study of this period of history well worth while. It changed our lives and gave us the Four Freedoms — regularly-meeting Parliament; freedom of speech; independent judiciary; religious toleration. Surely this makes it a very important era of our history.

Yours sincerely,
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From Dr John Penman

Sir, If anyone doubts whether the French Revolution was on the whole beneficial let him spend the necessary few minutes studying a replica of a *lettre de cachet*.

The one I saw was remarkable for brevity, simplicity, and euphemism. It instructed M. A. (in fact a gaoler) to receive M. B. (a prisoner) into his *maison* (i.e., prison), stating neither why nor for how long. It was signed by the King of France and countersigned by a bishop.

Such prisoners simply disappeared, in many cases for ever. I understand that hundreds, or even thousands of *lettres de cachet* were issued each year.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PENMAN,
Forest View, Chute,
Near Andover, Hampshire.

Father's footsteps

From Sir Patrick Nairne

Sir, When my great-great-grandfather, the Reverend Dr James Nairne, of Pittenweem, in the presbytery of St Andrews, died in 1819 in the 44th year of his ministry, the obituary notice in the press reported:

Dr Nairne died the father of his presbytery, as his grandfather and father had done. The family have been favoured in providence by a long tract of public usefulness in the sacred function, the doctor's grandfather and father having been parochial ministers in the same presbytery with himself, the one for 68 and the other for 53 years. The united incumbencies amount to 164 years, while for 116 successive years their names have stood in the presbytery roll.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK NAIRNE,
Yew Tree, Chilson,
Near Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

From Mr R. Kiddle

Sir, A study of the Copleston family's connection with the parish of Offwell, in Devon, gives the following list of rectors:

John Bradford Copleston (1773-1800); Edward Copleston (1800-1804); John Gaius Copleston (1804-1841); John Gay Copleston (1841-1880); John Henry Copleston (1880-1919); John Henry Herbert Copleston (1919-1935); Frederick Elford Copleston (1935-1954).

Edward and John Gaius were sons of John Bradford. Frederick Elford was the gret grandson of John Gaius. A simple father-to-son line of four rectors spanned the 131 years from 1804 to 1935. My grandmother was a granddaughter of John Gaius Copleston.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN KIDDLE,
Barracks Cottage, Gasthorpe,
Diss, Nofolk.

No bus pass

From Mr William South

Sir, In his excellent article (January 3) on London Transport's one-person-operated (OPO) buses, Jack Straw fails only in giving insufficient stress to the element of attack on basic human rights.

With the introduction of the double locking-doors of the OPO, one is now effectively trapped between stops unless (ignoring the sternly-worded notice) one opens manually the exit door, a difficult process in the face of peer pressure emanating from other more accepting customers.

Standing supinely imprisoned for long periods on an OPO bus as it stands stationary or moves at snail's pace past some well-known street corner (where hopping happily off an old Routemaster has been for most of us a lifetime's freedom) can only diminish the human spirit.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM SOUTH,
26 Upper Phillimore Gardens, W8.
January 3.

War names

From Mr John Crisford

Sir, It has always seemed a pity to me that the American anti-ballistic missile defence system has become known as Star Wars. If a British equivalent is to be developed, could it not be known as Sky Shield?

Yours etc.,
JOHN CRISFORD,
Nether Halse, Winsford,
Minehead, Somerset.

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Art treasures on the move

From Mr B. C. Bloomfield

Sir, In answer to Dr Needham and his colleagues who signed the letter, "Moving London's eastern treasures" (January 4), I can say that the British Library's management committee considered the matter yesterday and the board will make a decision later this month. It is the library's intention to administer both Asian departments together, believing that this makes better sense for the readers and the collections. This process began in 1982, when I was appointed keeper of the Oriental Collections as well as director of the India Office Library and records.

What I believe the signatories to the letter fail to recognise is that bringing together the Oriental Collections and the India Office Library and records will make the British Library's collections in the fields of South and South-east Asian studies the best in the world, and the collections in Middle Eastern and Far Eastern studies, by no means negligible, more conveniently available for study in one building. I believe that if the library does decide to go ahead with the move the benefits truly outweigh the disadvantages, without even taking account of any financial savings arising from the rationalisation of accommodation.

The library accepts that it is vitally important to maintain them in appropriate conditions and under proper conservation care. We recognise that damage may be caused by moving fragile and rare material, but we shall do all we can to void it. Material will continue to be available for consultation, provided prior notice is given.

The care and attention given to such heritage material over past years and the ready availability of photographic copies should reassure readers that we intend to keep their interests to the fore.

We earnestly hope that cooperation in acquisition policies established over the past 10 years will survive any possible move to Orbit House, just as we hope it will survive the move to St Pancras, where the British Library confidently intends to reunite both departments in the new building in 1996.

Yours faithfully,
B. C. BLOOMFIELD (Director, Collection Development),
The British Library,
14 Store Street, WC1.
January 6.

Child abuse cases

From Lord Meston

Sir, Mr Philpot (December 31) urges reconsideration of the "child-assessment order", or "medical-assessment order", which was recommended by the report on the Kimberley Carlile case, but which has been omitted from the Children Bill.

The Bill does provide for the new "child-protection order", replacing the "place-of-safety order". Those who argue that the Bill should also provide for child-assessment orders must deal with two serious points. First, that made in the Cleveland report (para. 16.15):

We do not see the need for a separate order to provide the ability to require the production of a child or the attendance of a child for medical examination. We are in favour of such powers, but consider they would more appropriately be contained within the emergency protection order A power to make the order but to permit the child to remain at home on condition of being medically examined or being produced to the appropriate agency would be preferable to the creation of a wholly separate order with the potential for confusion.

Secondly, the Lord Chancellor, on the second reading of the Bill on December 6, suggested that the medical-assessment order might come to be seen as the softer option, the choice of which might be preferred by the local authority or the court, but which would not provide immediate protection for the child in a real emergency.

Yours faithfully,
MESTON,
House of Lords.
January 3.

On the hook

From Mr Trevor Randall

Sir, I can offer Mr Hall (December 29) an example of one of the misuses of the normally trustworthy standard black plastic 17in. coat-hanger. Unknown to me, but doubtless known to my fellow commuters, it travelled with me attached to my coat belt (done up at the back) from home in Reading via bus and InterCity 125 to my office in Paddington last January.

A seat provided by either transport undertaking would have helped me make the discovery sooner.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR RANDALL,
18 Somerton Gardens,
Radstock Lane, Earley,
Reading, Berkshire.
January 3.

From Miss J. M. Baird

Sir, A wire coat-hanger pulled out to form a square makes a passable quadrat for use in field studies. A survey of plant life may be carried out by throwing the quadrat at random. I have supplied a whole class of children with quadrats made from wire hangers for no cost.

Could I also suggest a name for a collection of wire hangers — "a jangle"?

Yours faithfully,
JANET BAIRD,
28 St Helen's Road,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 8: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of Wakefield preched the Sermon.

Her Majesty presented The Queen's Gold Medal for Academic Excellence at King Edward VII High School, King's Lynn, to Mr Steven King, who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Mr R D Greaves, the Headmaster.

Mr Christopher Biggs and Mr Graham Harrod had the honour of being received by The Queen this afternoon when Her Majesty decorated them with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Royal Ascot

Her Majesty's Representative at Ascot wishes it to be known that the Royal Ascot Enclosure list will remain closed to new applicants until further notice. Only those who have been granted vouchers in the past may apply personally in writing to Her Majesty's Representative, The Ascot Office, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BP, at any time before April 30, stating the full names of those members of their family who require vouchers and their ages if between 16 and 25 years. In addition they may also apply for their children (16-25 years), who have not been granted Royal Enclosure vouchers previously. They will require a sponsor who has been present in the Royal Enclosure for at least eight previous years. Vouchers, if granted, will be valid for the Friday only of the Royal Meeting and should be applied for before March 31.

In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with a hat, which must cover the crown of the head, and gentlemen will wear morning dress with top hat, or service dress.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Kortright, cricketer, Brentwood, Essex, 1871; Chaim Bialik, poet, Rady, Ukraine, 1873; John Watson, psychologist, Greenville, South Carolina, 1878; Karel Capek, writer, Male Svatonnovice, Czechoslovakia, 1890; Dame Gracie Fields, Rochdale, Lancs, 1898.

DEATHS: Napoleon III, emperor of the French 1852-70, Chislehurst, Kent, 1873; Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainbleau, France, 1923; Karl Mannheim, sociologist, London, 1947.

Church news

Resignation

The Rev Canon Denys G Bellinger, Vicar, St Paul Scotforth, diocese Blackburn: to resign as Rural Dean of Lancaster, same diocese.

Nature notes



The rook

Rooks are visiting their rookeries, but not as yet taking much interest in their nests; they sit on the topmost twigs looking out over the fields. Great tits are singing regularly again: their song is usually a repeated double note, like "teacher teacher", but sometimes it is a triple, waltz-like note. Great tits are slightly larger than blue tits, but like them they have a distinctive habit, when landing on a branch or wall, of swivelling their body left and right for a rapid look around them. Siskins have come south and are feeding on the alder trees; they swing under the branches like tits, but their musical chatter and twanging calls are quite different.

In sheltered places, cow parsley leaves are now a foot high. Buttercup leaves are up and often six inches tall; little clusters of them are growing on old mole hills. New goosegrass leaves are like small, pale green spires; the new leaves of the cuckoo pint are dark green arrow-heads. Lesser celandine leaves are also abundant and a few exceptionally early yellow flowers have been reported.

DJM

Arthur Burrell

The hounds of Global Spring

Year of the Global Spring was the heading of the article written by Sir Anthony Parsons in *The Times* (29 Dec) on the prospect of the year ahead. Its opening paragraph could not have been expressed in clearer terms by his admission that had he predicted five years ago the changes that have recently occurred in the world scene "he would probably have been locked up in a lunatic asylum".

It was an impressive tribute to the unpredictability factor in human affairs which should never be forgotten. It depends upon retaining a belief that human nature can change.

There have been many occasions within living memory when, at the start of a new year, almost the only justification for the seasonal exchange of good wishes for peace and happiness in the future has been the intuitive sense of eternal hopefulness that ever springs within the human heart. Today, however, there is the growing awareness of the possibility of a long awaited shift away from the frustrations and follies which have led to so many impasses in national and ideological affairs.

A main contributory factor could be the increased awareness of those who live at the summit of public life of the need to accept a concern for humanity's welfare as a whole and the part their nations are meant to play in it. This includes the conservation and proper use of the resources of Creation regardless of any theory or belief as to its ultimate origin. It is unlikely that any programme in this direction will be successful without establishing amongst those who promote it some moral and even spiritual common ground.

If the Global Spring is to come to fruition and, to use the telling phrase of the Duke of Edinburgh in his address last November at St George's Windsor, "the winter of death without hope of rebirth or regeneration" is to be averted, much more will be needed than the dispersal at the summit of the mists of misunderstanding. We who live on the foothills of everyday existence all have a vital part in the creation of trust between each other and having as our recognized ideal the acceptance of absolute moral standards as normal in human relationships.

For this it is useful to recognize that the malaise which has been at the bottom of so many failures and frustrations and the cause of many deadlocks and much despair can be traced to the period between the two wars. The fact that the second so swiftly followed the first was the result of a failure to tackle the causes of conflict within the human psyche. These are largely bitterness, greed and fear which, when "writ large" and exploited within and between nations and races, are the source of war.

Sir Richard Livingstone, the distinguished classical scholar and President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, writing in the spiritual doldrums of the mid-nineteen thirties, pointed out how "among wide sections of the population the roots of religion and morals had been cut". He claimed that "the most serious weakness of our age is that it does not know its own mind and its greatest need a clear philosophy of life". In his book *Greek Ideals and Modern Life* he used a telling quotation from Pascal to illustrate how easy it is for man to become a slave to the various "isms" which have done so much to desuroy the fruit of civilization. "It is natural for the mind to believe and for the will to love; so that for want of true objects, they must attach themselves to false."

Herein lies the spur and directive for all who are engaged in the work of teaching, preaching, or, in many other ways, influencing public opinion, namely to provide the true objects which are worthy of our belief and devotion. So much is still to be learned from our Christian faith and the wisdom of the past. Each generation must find these truths for themselves in the light of their needs and the time is now ripe for a new revival of this kind of learning.

For us the picture language of Emerson's famous phrase that unless the wagon of civilization is hitched to a star its progress will fail and its wheels get stuck in the mud of human shortsightedness. This could achieve, to quote again the Duke of Edinburgh "the ultimate idiocy. . . that could make life more difficult for future generations and ultimately condemn our species to extinction". These are strong words but they need to be said. At the same time they will remind us, as does the present season of Epiphany, that mankind has been given the kindly and creative light of the star which the wise men followed which we, too, are meant to follow ourselves and at whose feet the gifts of our many inventions and achievements are to be laid.

The author is a retired priest of the diocese of Oxford

Birthdays today



Susannah York is 47 today

Major D.S. Allhusen, equestrian Olympic medallist, 75; Mr Justice Alliott, 57; Mrs M.L.S. Bennett, former principal St Hilda's College, Oxford, 76; Sir Rudolf Bing, former general manager, Metropolitan Opera, New York, 87; Mr Ken Brown, golfer, 32; Mr George Buchanan, poet, 85; Sir John Buckley, former chairman, Davy Corporation, 76; Mr Clive Dunn, actor, 67; Sir Graham Eyre, QC, 58; Mr Michael Gifford, chief executive and managing director, Rank Organisation, 53; Admiral Sir Guy Grantham, 89; Father Benedict Green, theologian, 65; Mr Terry Hands, artistic director, Royal Shakespeare Company, 48; Mr David Holbrook, author, 66; Mr L.J. Holliday, former chairman, John Laing Construction, 68; Mr Raymond Horrocks, former chairman, Austin Rover Group Holdings, 59; Sir Glyn Jones, former governor-general, Malawi, 81; Mr Richard Nixon, former President of the United States, 76, Mr Justice Ognall, 55, Admiral Sir Frederick Parham, 88; Mr Ralph Tubbs, architect, 77; Mr Geoffrey Wragg, racehorse trainer, 59; Miss Susannah York, actress, 47.

Party

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained children connected with the City and London boroughs at a fancy dress party at the Mansion House on Saturday.

Dinners

Order of St John

The Lords Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, West Glamorgan, Dyfed and Powys and the Archbishop of Wales attended a dinner held on Saturday in Cardiff Castle to mark the retirement of Lord Aberdare as Prior for Wales of the Order of St John. Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, prior, presided. Lord Aberdare and Sir Cennydd Traherne, sub-prior, also spoke. Lady Aberdare and members of the Priory Chapter and Priory staff were among the guests.

Medical Officers of Schools Association

Dr John H.D. Briscoe, President of the Medical Officers of Schools Association, presided at the annual dinner held at Guy's Hospital on Saturday. The Headmaster of Eton College and Mrs Eric Anderson, Dr and Mrs P.J. Rees and the President of the Royal College of General Practitioners and Mrs Stuart Carne were the guests of honour.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Patrick Douglas-Hamilton and Miss C.F.M. Usher

The engagement is announced between Patrick, fourth son of Elizabeth, Duchess of Hamilton, of North Port, Lennoxlove, and the late Duke of Hamilton, and Cecilia, elder daughter of Captain T.G. Usher, of Crossford, Fife, and Mrs S.J. Usher, of London.

Mr J.G. Hills and Miss L.S.C. Makin

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Sir Graham Hills, of Beith, Ayrshire, and the late Brenda Hills, stepson of Lady Hills, and Lucy, elder daughter of Geoffrey Makin, of Frencham, Surrey, and the Reverend Valerie Makin, of Crowts, Godalming, Surrey.

Mr P.R.C. Plunket and Miss C.M. Hart

The engagement is announced between Piers Robert Conyngham, son of the late Mr Simon Plunket and of Mrs Richard Harden, of Hunters Hill Farm, Nether Silton, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, and Cordelia, daughter of Mr Colin Hart, of Charlbury, Oxfordshire, and of the Hon Mrs Patrick Penny, of 33 Wellington Square, London, SW3.

Mr D.W.K. Anderson and Miss M.E. Beeton

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Dr and Mrs W.E.K. Anderson, of Eton, and Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R.M. Beeton, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr G. Babbington Smith and Miss B.J. Hancock

The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of Mr and Mrs John Babbington Smith, Anglesey, North Wales, and Beverley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick A.S. Hancock, Camberley, Surrey.

Mr C.C. Porter and Miss L.C. Buckley

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Porter, of Forge Cottage, Warlingham, Sussex, and Lucinda, daughter of Major and Mrs Peter Buckley, of Shomer Cottage, Fisher Lane, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr J.T.C. Dobell and Miss S.C. Holmes à Court

The engagement is announced between James, twin son of Mrs Jenny Dobell, of London, EC2, and Camilla, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Holmes à Court, of Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset.

Mr I.C. Goode and Miss A.E. Plaxton

The engagement is announced between Ian Cameron, elder son of Wing Commander and Mrs G.E.F. Goode, of Bath, and Anne Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs R. Plaxton and the late Mr A.N. Plaxton, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

Captain E.C. Gordon Lennox and Miss K.E. Mays-Smith

The engagement is announced between Captain Edward Charles Gordon Lennox, Grenadier Guards, eldest son of Major General and Mrs Bernard Gordon Lennox, Hill House, Eversley, Hampshire, and Katharine Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Mays-Smith, Beedon House, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr W.K. Hayes and Miss S.J. Todd-Young

The engagement is announced between William Kinloch, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Hayes, of Seaford, Sussex, and Susan Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronnie Todd-Young, of Brenchley, Kent.

Captain G.J.L. Holdom, RA and Miss D.M. Beck

The engagement is announced between Grant, younger son of the late Mr Derek Holdom and of Mrs Joan Holdom, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Delia, younger daughter of Mr Peter Beck and the late Mrs Diana Beck, of Wimbledon.

Mr J.R. Turvill and Miss C.M. Lutyens

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Commander and Mrs A.D. Turvill, of Furland, Crewkerne, Somerset, and Catriona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Lutyens, of Pigeon Bush Farm, Featherstone, Wairarapa, New Zealand.

Mr D.J. Howarth and Miss S.E. Clarkson

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mrs L.G. Howarth and the late Dr F.H. Howarth, of Solihull, West Midlands, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Clarkson, of Criccieth, Gwynedd.

Mr S.J. Isherwood and Miss J.M. Upton

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs J. Isherwood, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Upton, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Mr P. King and Miss J.F. Garfield

The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tony King, of Lutterworth, Leicestershire, and Johanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Garfield, of Chilworth, Southampton.

Mr K.B. Macgowan and Miss B.E. Wilson

The engagement is announced between Kenneth Bruce, son of Mr J. and the late Mrs M.G. Macgowan and stepson of Mrs A.L. Macgowan, of Tsawwassen Beach, British Columbia, Canada, and Bridget Ellen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.R.W. Wilson, of The White House, Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire.

Mr W.J. Patterson and Miss D.G. Noble

The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Mr William Patterson, and Mrs Jean Patterson, of Wideopen, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Diana, youngest daughter of Mr James Noble, of Cambridge, and Mrs Patricia Noble, of Goldhurst Terrace, London NW6.

Mr R.S.H. Pelly and Miss R.M. Hamilton-Ely

The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Pelly, of Fulbourn, Cambridge, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Hamilton-Ely, of Fovant, Wiltshire, and Mrs Kenneth Child, of Fulham, London.

Mr R.J. Holgate and Miss J.L. Parrott

The engagement is announced between Robert John, only son of Mr and Mrs J.W.S. Holgate, of Mawnan Smith, Cornwall, and Jenny Louise, only daughter of the Rev Canon and Mrs G.A. Parrott, of Wimbledon.

Mr T.Mck. Scott and Miss A.J.R. Skeet

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of the late Mr Michael Scott and of Mrs Patricia Scott, of Bosham, Sussex, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Skeet, of Winchester.

Mr C.J.C. Smail and Miss C.J. Wynne-James

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of the late Mr Timothy Smail and of Mrs Penelope Smail, of Holland Park Avenue, London, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wynne-James, of The Lower Nupend, Cradley, near Malvern, Hereford and Worcester.

Mr P.B. Stone and Miss C.M. Todd

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter S.E. Stone, of Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, and Carolyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian S. Todd, of Terrigal, New South Wales, Australia.

Mr P. Tregidgo and Miss B. Belch

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Pauline and Wally Tregidgo, of Sunbury, Middlesex, and Barbara, youngest daughter of A. Ross Belch, CBE, and the late Jan Belch, of Greenock.

Mr C.G.M. Wishart and Miss C.J. Nowak

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs George Wishart, and Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanislaw Nowak.

Mr S.C. Wood and Miss L.J. Reynolds

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Wood, of Ogden, Halifax, and Lucy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Reynolds, of Crakehall, North Yorkshire.

Marriages

Lord O'Brien of Lothbury and Mrs M. Taylor

Lord O'Brien of Lothbury and Mrs Marjorie Taylor were married on January 6, 1989, in St Peter's Church, Tandridge, in the presence of their children and grandchildren. The Revd Dennis Lane officiated.

M J.A. Schauinger and Miss V.M. Horne

The marriage took place on New Year's Eve, at the Chapel of the Dominican Fathers, Strasbourg, of M Joseph Schauinger, youngest son of M and Mme Leon Schauinger, of Mothern, France, and Veronica, only daughter of the late Commander Bremer Horne, DSC, RN (retd), and of Mrs Bremer Horne, 7 Hopping Lane, London, N1.

Mr S.J. Shooter and Miss G.E.D. MacLeod

The marriage took place on Saturday, January 7, in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, of Mr Simon Shooter, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Shooter, and Miss Georgina MacLeod, daughter of the late Mr Jersey MacLeod and Mrs Gregory Morgan. The Rev J. Bromyer officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather Mr Gregory Morgan, was attended by Miss Flora Hilleary, Miss Sunday McKay, Miss Alexandra Morgan, James Shooter and Joshua Pollen. Mr Jeremy Thwaits was best man.

A reception was held in Hall, at Christ Church and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr N. Boyd and Miss B.C. Somerset

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Denys, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Oxfordshire, of Mr Nicholas Boyd, eldest son of Mr Chistopher Boyd, of London, and the late Mrs Boyd, to Miss Belinda Somerset, elder daughter of the Hon Geoffrey and Mrs Somerset, of Stanford-in-the-Vale. The Rev R.W.C. Jeffery officiated.

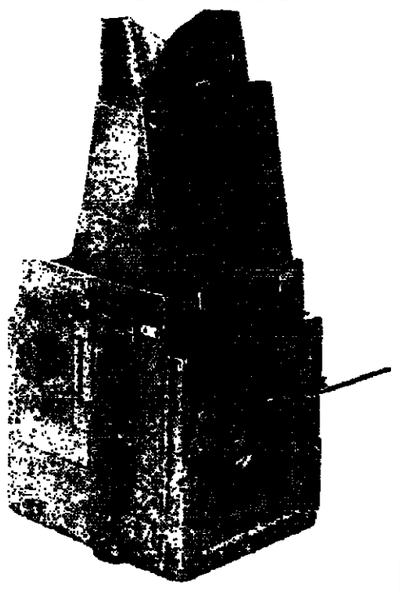
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alice and Zoë Ladbrooke and Miss Lucy Somerset. Mr Keith Ladbrooke was best man.

A reception was held at Lains Barn, Ardington, and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

Mr J.H. Calder and Miss C.M. Harington

A service of blessing was held on Saturday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, after the marriage of Mr Julian Calder, son of Mr Home Calder, of Ledbury, Herefordshire, and of Mrs Peter Scotland, of Polsham, Somerset, to Miss Clare Harington, younger daughter of General Sir Charles and Lady Harington, of London, SW6. The Rev A. Denys Bartlett officiated.

Pick of the week at Christie's



Marion & Co Ltd, London. A quarter plate tropical reflex camera No. M2685 with a Carl Zeiss Jena Tessar f 4.5 15 cm lens

ON THURSDAY, 12 January at 2.00 p.m., Christie's in South Kensington will be holding an auction of Cameras, Photographs and Related Material. A huge variety of objects will be offered for sale, from photographic literature to erotic glass slides. Amongst the cameras will be this rare Marion & Co. Ltd tropical reflex camera. Also of particular interest is a 1984 Nikon FA Gold Camera, with gold-plated trim and a lizard skin covered body. One of a limited edition, this camera will be sold in aid of the prospect hospice in Swindon.

For any further information on this and other sales in the next week, please telephone: (01) 581 7611.

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OBITUARY

EMPEROR HIROHITO

Spiritual symbol who presided over aggression, defeat and recovery

Emperor Hirohito, who died on January 6 at the age of 87, was the 124th emperor of Japan and the longest-reigning head of by far the oldest royal dynasty in the world. In a millenium-long tradition, he was a symbol of the nation to a degree unknown in Europe, though personally remote from his people.

In his personal life, which is likely to remain obscure, he was a distinguished amateur marine biologist.

To many who first encountered Japan in its wars of imperial expansion, Hirohito embodied two decades of Japanese militarism that ended with the country's total defeat in 1945.

But in Japan, his long reign fulfilled the time-honoured role of Japanese emperors to embody the continuity of the nation. His own life reflected the ability of the Japanese people to suffer an unprecedented conquest and build unparalleled economic success from the ashes of defeat.

To many Japanese of his own generation, Hirohito was also a more than earthly sovereign, with authority (in theory at least) at one time little short of absolute under the Shinto teaching that he was the spiritual father of the whole nation and the direct descendant of the divine creator of heaven and earth.

Under the Meiji Constitution (1890-1945), the Emperor was sacred and inviolable. Something of this numinous aura still remained even after the formal renunciation of his divinity in 1946.

Yet he often seemed personally colourless, presiding equally uneasily over aggression, defeat, recovery and fully-fledged modernization. The controversy over his role in the Second World War was never resolved. Little attempt has been made in Japan to unravel the detailed truth — nor is Hirohito's death likely to change that.

The role expected of him in Japanese public life did not extend to full participation in political decision-making. Hirohito doubtless acquiesced in much that was done in his name by the Japanese military fighting abroad.

Only when the inner Cabinet (unusually) found itself equally divided on whether to accept the Allies' Potsdam Declaration and thus end the war could the Emperor in 1945 interpose a decisive casting vote, as it were, for peace.

Hirohito's visit to General MacArthur, the Allied ruler of Japan, in which he accepted the personal blame for the events of war and urged that he and not the Japanese people be held responsible, helped keep the people together at a critical moment. It undoubtedly had a great influence on the thinking behind MacArthur's benign decisions, which created the conditions for the development of modern Japan.

Hirohito was born on April 29, 1901. At the age of eight he was sent to the Peers' School, under the charge of General Nogi, the hero of Port Arthur. He was educated in the military culture then coming to the fore.

Shortly after the accession of his father in 1912, Prince Hirohito was proclaimed Crown Prince. Two years later he received commissions in the Army and Navy.

In 1918 the Crown Prince's betrothal to Princess Nagako, daughter of General Prince Kuni pleased the Japanese people, but broke with precedent. The princess was not a member of one of the five foremost families with the traditional right to marry into the Imperial line.

Because of the ill health of the Emperor Taisho, the Crown Prince was early called upon to officiate as his father's deputy on important State occasions. In March 1921, he went on an ambitious foreign tour, once more breaking all precedents; there was no previous record of either an Emperor of Japan or his heir leaving his own land.

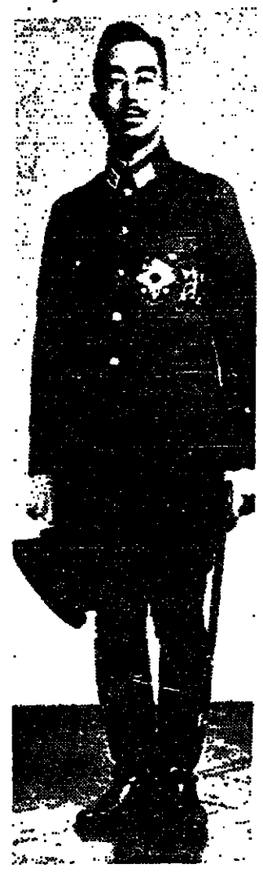
In the battleship *Katori* he visited Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Port Said, Cairo, Malta and Gibraltar, and on May 8 arrived at Portsmouth. He was welcomed at Victoria Station by King George V, who made him an honorary Field Marshal in the British Army. He was also made a Knight of the Garter.

From England the Crown Prince went on to France, Belgium, Holland, and Italy. Because of his father's illness the tour was cut short, and in November he was constituted Regent. In December he was shot at by a student, but escaped unhurt.

On January 26, 1924, the Crown Prince's marriage was celebrated in Tokyo. On Christmas Day, 1926, the Emperor Taisho died, and on December 28 the new emperor announced that he had succeeded "to the Throne of a lineal accession unbroken for ages eternal".

In 1922, he had published a poem in *The Times*:

How vast is the boundless Main
Performed by the Morning Sun
Fresh as primeval Dawn
And still as the New-born Earth!



O would that men, too, were at peace!

Few people who took part in the ritual celebrations of his enthronement in 1928 foresaw that the new reign would witness the most ambitious attempt at extending the Japanese empire since its foundation.

The Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931 marked the beginning of the policy of imperial expansion which led to the subjugation of large areas of China and the conquest of much of Asia.

The army had pre-empted the authority of the Government. There is no reason to think that the inexperienced young emperor tried to intervene — or could have done so successfully.

In 1932 he survived a bomb attack. In February 1936 there was a military revolt in Tokyo which was firmly repressed. A little later his title was altered to *Dai Nippon Teikoku Tenno*, which means "Heavenly Lord of the Japanese Empire".

When in December, 1941, Japan launched its surprise attack on Pearl Harbour, the Emperor was informed shortly in advance. He is said to have accepted the declaration of war but asked that the United States be informed in advance. The suggested formula portrays a man whose upbringing had taught him more about the niceties of military honour than the realities of power.

The truth was that the Army had secured open and full control of the destiny of Japan against an opposition which for three years had postponed efforts to make an all-out alliance with Germany.

By the spring of 1945 Japan faced invasion by the United States. It had lost the battle of munitions and food production; communications and transport had become inadequate for the prosecution of a protracted war, and her naval and air forces had been rendered incapable of parrying Allied attacks.

The Japanese army remained powerful in the homeland and was still in full control of most of the occupied territories.

In these circumstances the dropping of the two atomic bombs and the Russian declaration of war gave the Emperor's advisers the opportunity of accepting surrender upon the terms laid down in the Potsdam Declaration (July 26, 1945). After the Japanese Government had sought assurances that the Emperor's sovereignty would be respected, Hirohito broke yet another precedent on August 15 by broadcasting to his people for the first time and by ordering the unconditional surrender of all Imperial forces.

The defeat and surrender of Japan brought about a dramatic change in the Emperor system and Hirohito's personal status. The Emperor cult, with its insistence on the spiritual truth of the Imperial Family's mythological origins, had been the basis for the propagation of the belief that the Japanese were destined to rule the world.

On New Year's Day, 1946, the Emperor, in a controversial rescript, was made to renounce his supposed divinity. State Shinto, and the Emperor's position at the head of it, was abolished; the Imperial household itself was remodelled.

The monarchy, as an institution, was retained for the purpose of preserving continuity largely at the insistence of General MacArthur and against the opinion of some representatives of the Allied powers. The Australians, in particular, wanted the Emperor to be tried as a war criminal.

The culmination of all these measures was the promulgation of the new constitution in November, 1946, by which the Emperor ceased to be "sacred and inviolable" and became the "symbol of the state and of the unity of the people.".

Under the new dispensation, the Emperor was given no powers related to government. The Emperor was, however, regularly briefed by ministers on foreign and domestic affairs.

The Emperor conscientiously set about becoming a constitutional monarch after the European pattern. An effort was made to make him mingle with his people. But his manner was awkward and shy, and his new role did not sit easily on his shoulders; nor did the Japanese people appear to want it.

In the latter years of his life there seemed a tendency on the part of his entourage to revert to an earlier pattern and produce the Emperor less frequently in public, a move which gave rise to criticism in the press of resurrection of the "Chrysanthemum Curtain."

The Olympic Games of 1964 and the Expo '70 extravaganza brought the Emperor once more into the public eye. He is said to have enjoyed the round of dinners and receptions for foreign visitors.

A more deliberate attempt to present the Emperor to the world as a constitutional Head of State was the precedent-setting tour of Europe in 1971. At the age of 70, the Emperor, with Empress Nagako, flew by way of Anchorage, Alaska, where during a brief refuelling stop they met President and Mrs Nixon. This was the first meeting between an American President and a Japanese Emperor. The Emperor and Empress returned to Tokyo seventeen days later after visiting Denmark, Belgium, France, Britain, Holland, Switzerland and West Germany.

His association with the prewar regime ensured a cool, and sometimes hostile, reception to his historic visit in Britain.

A tree the Emperor planted in Kew Gardens was cut down. In Holland a bottle was thrown at his car. The reception was in general reserved. However the Emperor was reinstated as a Knight of the Garter, which, along with his honorary title of Field Marshal, had been stripped from him in 1942. He was also received into the Fellowship of the Royal Society in recognition of his work in marine biology.

The Emperor, for his part, seldom relaxed his rather stiff wooden manner. In Japan, popular reaction to the tour mingled with resentment at the slights to which the Emperor, as the representative of Japan, was considered to have been subjected. The tour was, however, courageous and probably went as well as could be expected.

Back in Tokyo, the Emperor set yet another precedent by granting an audience to a group of foreign journalists and answering their questions. He expressed regret for some of the things that had happened during the war, but insisted that he had acted throughout as a constitutional monarch.

A return state visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1975 pointed up the difference between the quiet aloofness which was still Hirohito's natural demeanour at home, and the Western sovereign's warm informality, which was enthusiastically received by a people unaccustomed to being permitted to come anything like so close to their own Emperor.

Hirohito realized he could never fulfil such an image of monarchy and is believed, on several occasions, to have expressed a desire to abdicate in favour of his son, Crown Prince Akihito. But he was prevailed upon to remain in order to give his heir a chance to prepare himself more fully for the burdens of a monarchy that risked growing indifference from the younger generation.

He would probably have preferred to retire into private life. Simplicity was indeed the guiding principle of his life, and to this extent, the new character of the monarchy, after the war, was probably much more in accordance with his personal tastes than its former exalted position.

His main interest in life was marine biology. He had contributed several distinguished treatises on the subject, and his research led him to make several important discoveries — including, for example, that of an entirely new species of crab.

But even the revealed personality of Hirohito seemed to play out the age-old role of symbolizing the changing face of the nation. In youth, he embodied the outward-looking desire to learn that characterized the Meiji period. As a young emperor, his military education lent cool authority to military totalitarianism. For the last half of his life he epitomised the modest private family man working hard to good effect in his private laboratory. What lay behind the symbol remains a mystery.

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Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and has not been mindful of the rock of thy strength therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.
Isaih 17:10,11

BIRTHS

BEAUFOY - On December 31st at home to Helena (nee Chance) and Toby a daughter. Joanna Mary Constance.

BOSCAWEN - On January 3rd to Frances (nee Rous) and Charles, a daughter.

CLEGG - On January 6th, to Jane (née Woodruffe) and Adrian, a son, William John Assheton, a brother for Tara.

CORAL - On November 26th in Michigan USA, to Penny (née Page) and Anthony, a daughter Natasha.

CRAWFORD - On January 2nd, to Elizabeth (née Mansell) and James, a daughter, Martha Clare Marion.

DARLING - On January 6th, in The Hague, to Cherry (née Phongthong) and Toby, a son, Marshal William.

GORNALL - On January 6th, to Caroline (née Dring) and Simon, a son, Thomas James

HADMAN - On January 4th to Rosalind (née Ebbutt) and Robert, a daughter, Cicely.

HALL - On January 4th, to Daphne (nee Hammersley) and Stephen, a daughter, Georgina Betty Frances.

LAND - On November 26th 1988, to Moira (née Gibson) and Raymond a daughter. Clarissa Mary Rose, a sister for Eleanor and Christopher.

MOSCARDINI - On January 5th, 1989, to Rebecca (née Ashby) and Nino a son James Giovanni Ashby Moscardini.

MUCHMORE - On December 30th 1988, in Brisbane, Australia, to Linda (née Perkins) and Jonathan, a daughter, Jessica.

PANTON - On January 2nd at Winchester to Lucy (nee Mindelsohn) and David, a boy, Toby, half brother for Jack, Harry and Kate.

SOMMERVILLE - On January 4th, to Helen (née Priest) and James, a daughter, Rebecca Mary.

MARRIAGES

DAVON WETTON:MONCRIEFF-KELLY - On January 5th, 1989, abroad, Hilary, son of the late Mr and Mrs Eric Davon Wetton, and Alison Mary, daughter of Alexander and Margaret Kelly.

DEATHS

GEE - See Mackworth Gee.

BLACKMORE - Brenda, aged 56, on January 6 in hospital after an illness borne with the greatest fortitude and dignity. The very precious wife for 32 years of Teddy. Funeral Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Fakenham, Norfolk at 10.15am, Monday 16th January, followed by interment at The Old Cemetery. Requiem Mass in memory of Brenda in The Lady Chapel, Westminster Cathedral, on Friday 10th February, at 11.30am. RIP. Funeral directors - London: Kenyon Ltd, 74 Rochester Row, SW1. Norfolk: Canler and Son, Fakenham, NR21 (to whom flowers may be sent if desired).

CHRISTIE - On January 5th, 1989 suddenly at home in Alresford, Hampshire, Alma Aranshew, dear husband, father, brother and grandfather. Cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on January 13th at 1.30pm. Memorial service in Perth later. Family flowers only. Donations to the Parkinson Disease Society. c/o John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Chesil Street, Winchester.

COLDSTREAM - On January 5th, 1989, peacefully in Worthing General Hospital, Gerald Rawson; aged 67, darling husband of Faythe (née Lowry-Corry) of Kilmore House, Stable Lane, Findon. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday, January 12th at 11.30 a.m.

COLES - On January 4th 1989, suddenly but peacefully at home, Henry, much loved husband of Margaret (Peggy), a loving father and grandfather. Private family funeral. Enquiries to S.A. Dunford., Tel:(0903) 753160.

DICKSON - On January 4th 1989, peacefully at Yeovil District Hospital, Charles Frederick (Dickie), of Henstridge, Somerset, beloved husband and father. Grandfather to Annabel and William. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Henstridge, Somerset at 2pm Friday January 13th followed by interment. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the St Nicholas Church, Henstridge, Roof Repair Fund, c/o Peter Jackson, Funeral Director, Mons High St, Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset. Tel. (0963) 62570.

DALTON - On January 6th, in his 87 year, peacefully in hospital Major General, Sir Charles James George CB CBE, beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Funeral 2.30 pm, Wednesday 11 January, at St James's Church, Grewelthorpe, Ripon. Thanksgiving service to be arranged. No flowers please. Donations if desired to St John's Ambulance. 46 Topcliffe Road, Thirsk, Yorkshire.

D'ORTHEZ - On January 5th 1989, Jacques Andre George Guy Henri de Gachassin-Lafite Vicomte d'Orthez. Peacefully in Johannesburg after a long illness, aged 83. Much beloved husband of Moira, and loving father to Chantal, and Christabel, and grandfather to Christina.

EVANS - On January 5th 1989, at Homerton Hospital after a long illness courageously borne, Philip John, aged 62 of Brookmans Park. Most beloved husband of Sally and son of Mary. Funeral on Friday January 13th 2.30 pm at West Herts Crematorium, Garston. Flowers, or if preferred donations to The Cancer Research Fund, may both be sent to Nethercotts, 150 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts.

GARDEN - On January 4th, very suddenly at Petworth, Ian Grover Thornton aged 43. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium, Wednesday January 11th, at 1.30pm Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Petworth Cottage Nursing Home.

GASTON - On January 6th 1989, unexpectedly, Jim of 3M UK, dearly loved husband of Valerie, loving father of Katherine and David. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service to be held at 12.00 noon on Thursday January 12th at St Paul's Church, Woodhouse Eaves, near Loughborough, Leics. Flowers and enquiries to G Gamble & Sons, Funeral Directors, 101 Meeting St, Quorn, Leics. Tel 0509 415418.

MACKWORTH GEE - On January 6th, suddenly and peacefully, Eric Arnold, aged 83. Much loved father of Robin and Peter and marvellous grandfather. Enquiries to Farnham Funeral Services. Tel:0252 711444.

MINET - See Memorial services

MORRIS-JONES - On January 6th 1989, Huw (an Emeritus professor) peacefully of Ceredigion, Lon Ty'n Caeau, Menai Bridge, Gwynedd, aged 76 years. Beloved husband of Gwladys and a devoted father and grandfather. Funeral strictly private, no flowers.

MOYNIHAN - On January 4th 1989 suddenly, Lady Margaret, J.P. beloved wife of Sir. Noel, much loved mother of Mike, Maeve, Jon and Tessa. Loving grandmother of Kevani, Alex, and Jonne. Funeral at Herstmonceux All Saints church on Wednesday 11th January at 2.30pm. No flowers but donations if desired to Save the Children.

MURRAY - On January 5th, suddenly at home, 'Sunnybrae', Percy Terrace, Nevilles Cross, Durham. John Campbell, much loved by Mary, David, John, and Roger. Service in St John's Church, Nevilles Cross, Durham, 1.45pm Tuesday, prior to private cremation. No flowers please.

O'CONNOR - On January 6th at Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Portsmouth peacefully after a short illness, Dorothy, widow of the late Brigadier Hugh Russell D.S.O. and of the late General Sir Richard O'Connor K.T. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother and beloved friend to all her family. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Simon Zelotes, Cadogan Square, on Monday January 16th at 12.00 noon.

PERT - On January 4th, peacefully at Copford Place, Colchester, Hugh Wingfield, aged 80, formerly of the Colonial Service, West Africa and of Weybridge. Beloved father of Jennifer, Janet and Donna and much loved grandfather. Funeral service at St. Peter and St. Paul, Little Horkesley, Near Colchester, at 2.30 on Friday, January 13th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations, if so desired, to Help the Aged, c/o R. Hughes, Copford Place, Copford, Colchester.

POWELL - On January 7th 1989, peacefully, Rhoda, beloved wife of John. Funeral service in Payhembury Parish Church, on Thursday January 12th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Exeter Hospice.

PULTENEY - On January 5th 1989, Rachel, younger daughter of the late Keppel and Lucia Pulteney, of St. Austins, Lymington. Private cremation, memorial service and interment of ashes, at St.John the Baptist, Boldre, on Wednesday January 18th at 12.00 noon. No flowers by request.

RANSFORD - On December 31st, 1988, in hospital, in Brighton, Charles Edlin. Private funeral.

REYNOLDS - On January 6th 1989, peacefully and suddenly in Lymington, Joseph Herbert McCarthy C.B.E., RAF (retd), 'MAC', in his 86th year, beloved husband of Betty, father of the late Keith, stepfather to James Horsfall, father-in-law of Shirley and Jane, Gaffer Mac to Giles, James, Amelia and Thomas and great grandfather to baby Thomas. Funeral at Boldre Church on Tuesday January 17th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for the RAF Benevolent Fund may be sent c/o F W House & Sons, Funeral Directors Lymington.

SARGENT - On January 5th 1989 Alexander, Arch Deacon of Canterbury 1942-1968. Aged 93 years. Funeral service in Canterbury Cathedral on January 13th at 3.00pm. No flowers and no memorial service at his request.

SCULLY - On January 6th, 1989, Basil Michael, at home in Marlow, Bucks. Dearly loved husband of Joan and loving father of Simon and Paul. Beloved son of Barbara. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. For funeral arrangements please call 01 262 0081

STRAKER - On January 7th, peacefully in Victoria Hospital, Deal, Kent. Austin Palmer, husband of Catherine Gladys. Funeral at Barham Crematorium, Friday January 13th, at 11am. Family flowers only.

SUMMERFORD - On January 3rd peacefully in hospital in Portsmouth, Colin John (Robert Carno) of Hayling Island. Funeral at 12.00 noon January 12th at St. Patrick's Church, Manor Road, Hayling Island.

VALE - On January 6th. Peacefully in his sleep, in Newbury, Maurice Arthur Warneford, (Mike) aged 73. Greatly loved husband of Joan, father of Anthony, Edward, and Christopher. Funeral service at Speen Church, on Wednesday 11th January, at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Speen Church.

VAN ZYST - On December 31st 1988, very suddenly and tragically, as a result of a road accident, in Cyprus. Dirk Cornelis aged 66 years. Formerly of Shell International Petroleum Company. Beloved and devoted husband of Doreen, wonderful and adored father, of Dirk and Tanya. Much loved Father-in-law of Diane and Patrick. Very proud grandfather of Tamlyn, Yeran, and Xan-Carlos Luis Cornelis; who will all miss him dreadfully, most caring, and loyal friend to so many scattered around the world. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium, Strouden Avenue, on Monday January 16, at 1.30 pm. Cut flowers only please, may be sent to W. Smith & Sons, Funeral Directors, 639/645 Wimborne Road, Winton, Bournemouth, BH9 2AR.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ESTRIDGE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Kay Estridge will be held at noon on Friday, January 20th, at St. Mary's, South Baddesley, Nr. Lymington, Hants.

GUIMARAENS - A memorial service for Mr. Patrick Hugh Guimaraens will be held at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, London EC3, at noon on Friday, 20th January.

HAYNES - Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Violette who passed away on December 18th 1988, will take place at All Saints Church, West Camel, 2.30pm Thursday January 19th. All welcome at Camway House, West Camel, after the service.

MINET - A service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Peter Brissault Minet will be held at 12.30 pm on January 19th at St. Mary Abbotts Church, Kensington.

PAISH - A meeting in memory of the late Professor F.W. Paish will be held on Tuesday, January 17th 1989 in the Founders' Room at the London School of Economics at 4.30 p.m.

SMITH - A memorial requiem for James Alvin (Jim) Smith of New York and Cornwall, will be held at 11.30 am on Thursday January 26th at The Church of St.Mary The Virgin, Bourne Street, London, SW1.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MOON - Nigel. A dearly loved son aged 21 years.

SCOTT - A Memorial Service will be held for Gerald Wardlaw Scott on January 21st at 12.00 noon at Fletching Church, Nr Uckfield, East Sussex.

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SASSE: TIREY - Dorothy and Edward Sasse of Ceret, France are happy to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Nicholas Paul on 28th. December, 1988 to their younger daughter Estelle and Marc.

School announcements

Bedford School
The Easter Term begins today with 1,133 boys in the School. R. L. Morgan continues as Head of School, B. Cope is Captain of Hockey and D. S. McC. Pinkney is Captain of Boats. Bedford School Choral Society will perform Verdi's *"Requiem"* in the Great Hall on Sunday, March 5, at 7.30 pm. Mr Gordon James takes up his appointment as Headmaster of the Preparatory School.

Charterhouse
The Long Quarter at Charterhouse started yesterday. D. J. Austin is Head of School. P. Gorman is Captain of Hockey and R. B. Ewart-White is Captain of Football. Exeat is from February 10-14 and the Quarter ends on Saturday, March 18. There will be a memorial service for Mr R. L. Arrowsmith in Memorial Chapel at 2.30 on Wednesday, January 11. Charterhouse Musicians will give a lunchtime concert at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall at 1.00 on Thursday, February 16. Four Sixth Form Scholarships arising from a gift of Mr Peter Newton will be awarded in March.

Felixstowe College
Spring Term begins today and Mrs Ann Woodings takes up her appointment as Headmistress. Half-term will be from February 9 to 15. The Scholarship examination for entry to the Sixth Form will be on February 18, and external candidates may still apply. Term will end with the Confirmation Service on Friday, March 17, which will be taken by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the Right Revd John Dennis.

Felsted School
The Spring Term at Felsted School begins today, S. P. Walker (Windsor's) continues as Head of School. *"Hay Fever"* by Noel Coward will be performed on January 25, 26 and 27. Confirmation by the Bishop of Colchester will be on February 26. Entrance examinations for boys from independent and maintained schools will be held from February 27 to March 1: enquiries should be made to the Headmaster. Rossini's *Petite Messe Solenelle* will be performed in the Grignon Hall on March 15. The Old Felstedian Society Annual Dinner will be held at Simpson's in London on March 3. Term ends on March 18.

Lancing College
The Lent Term begins today. Mr J. M. Bromley joins the staff. A. D. Moulton succeeds G. Haynes as Captain of the School. Requiem Eucharist for Mr Patrick Halsey will be held on Saturday, January 28, at 2.30 pm in the Chapel to which all will be welcome. "Lancing Weekend" to raise funds for "Save the Children Fund" and Archbishop Michael Ramsey School will be held on March 4/5. Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop of Lewes on Sunday, March 12. Challenge of Industry Conference will take place on March 21. Term ends on Wednesday March 22. The OL Dinner Dance will be held at the College on Saturday, April 15.

Leeds Grammar School
The Lent Term commences on January 9. Mark Naylor continues as Head Boy. The Old Leos' London Dinner is on March 3, at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly. Building of the New Science Wing will begin in April.

Moira House, Eastbourne
Easter Term begins today and ends on March 18. Juanita Clarke and Ashe Shuwa continue as School Knights. The Ingham Scholarship and Music Scholarship examinations will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28. Performances of the Middle School Play, *The Tale of Moira Mouse*, will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4. On Sunday, March 12, the Old Girls' Reunion starts at 12 noon and is followed by the Annual Association Hockey Tournament starting at 2 pm.

North London Collegiate School
North London Collegiate begins the Spring Term today, with 857 girls, 205 in the Sixth Form. 1989 marks the Jubilee of the move to Canons and the school plans celebrations during the year. It hopes to make contact with many ONLs, particularly those who remember the move. Founder's Day is on Wednesday, March 22.

Oakham School
Spring Term at Oakham School begins today. On March 14, 15, 16 and 18, there will be performances of *"Inadmissable Evidence"* in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The Orchestra and Choral Society will perform *"Alexander Nevsky"* by Prokofiev and Faure's *"Requiem"* on March 12. The Jerwood Players will take their production of *"The Accrington Pals"* to Rutland, Vermont, USA during the Easter holidays. An Art Exhibition and the Oakham Saxophone Quartet will travel with them.

Oundle School
The Lent Term begins today. For the first time, entry is now open to girls who may be registered for September 1990 and beyond. A girls' prospectus is available from the Girls' Admissions Secretary. The Choral Society will perform Brahms' *Requiem* in Peterborough Cathedral on March 14. Confirmation by the Bishop of Peterborough will be on March 4. Exeat is from February 15 to 19. Term ends on March 18.

Reed's School Cobham
Term began yesterday and ends on March 18. James Rowlands continues as Captain of School and Jeremy Dharmasena is Captain of Hockey. The Chapel Choir will sing Evensong at Burghley House, Lincolnshire on Sunday, February 19. The Old Reedonian dinner will be held at School on Friday, April 14.

Repton School
Lent Term at Repton School begins today. Stuart Anselm (Cross) continues as Head Prefect and Michael Hunter (Orchard) is captain of hockey. Mr R.M. Charlesworth will produce *"The Taming of the Shrew"* as the School Play on March 13-16.

The Oratory School
Lent Term began yesterday, with Mr Maurice Lynn taking up his appointment as Headmaster in succession to Mr Adrian Snow, who has been appointed Warden to The Oratory School Association. P.M. Allen continues as School Captain. Captain of soccer is K.N. O'Flynn. Half-term will be from February 11 to February 15. Confirmation will be on March 4. Term ends on March 20.

Upper Chine School, Shanklin, Isle of Wight
Spring Term at Upper Chine School begins today. Mr Stuart Monard, BA, takes over as Headmaster, following the retirement of Miss Brenda Philpott in December, 1988. A service of confirmation will be conducted by the Right Revd Timothy Bavin, MA, The Bishop of Portsmouth, in the School Chapel on Saturday, March 18, at 2.30 pm.

Woodhouse Grove School
Term begins today at Woodhouse Grove School with 550 pupils in the school. The Annual Founders Day Service will be held on Tuesday, January 20, when the preacher will be the Rev Kathleen Richardson, Chairman of the West Yorkshire District. The entrance examination will be held on February 2 and term ends on Thursday, March 23.

Wycliffe College
Spring Term starts today and ends with Careers Day on Wednesday, March 22, when the guest speaker will be F R Hurn Esq, Chief Executive and Managing Director, Smiths Industries plc. Confirmation will take place in Chapel on Saturday, March 11. Performances of Oscar Wilde's *"An Ideal Husband"* will be given in the Sibly Hall on Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21. The new President of Wycliffe College is T Lloyd Robinson Esq., LLD, TD, pupil from 1925 to 1930 and former Chairman of Council.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Putting names to faces

Like virginity in a sexual relationship, the anonymous face in cinema and television may take a starring role but its success is not often repeated. Soon people put a name to a face. Sometimes it is the character's, sometimes it is the actor's.

Togging up as a toff for *Zulu* notwithstanding, Michael Caine was for most an unknown face when he starred in *The Ipcress File*. Wisely, he varied his roles so that the name people put to it became his own, rather than Harry Palmer's.

Caine spoke interestingly of the need for his brief role as the violent mob-boss in *Mona Lisa* to be played by a recognized star, in Granada's wry, ribbing programme to mark the 10th anniversary of HandMade films, *The Movie Life of George* (ITV). The George in question was, of course, that instantly recognizable portrayer of the 314th Jewish man in the kitchen in *Life of Brian*, George Harrison. "Some people are good at acting. I have enough trouble trying to pretend to be me," George said, with customary modesty.

***Caine's appeal is that he is* himself while acting (though he does that much better than many realize). *Screen Two's* powerful faction film, *Death of a Son* (BBC2) and *Agatha Christie's Poirot* (ITV) gave us actors who are almost too good for their career's sake at losing themselves in their parts.**

Once, Lynn Redgrave's face may have instantly provoked calls of "Hey there, Georgy girl!"; but her remarkable portrayal of Pauline Williams, whose son's death through a drug overdose sparked her personal legal crusade against his pusher, was the more successful because she does not have the immediate star recognition of her sister, Vanessa.

What is so extraordinary about Mrs Williams's story is how an ordinary, uneducated woman learnt enough about drugs and the law to cause both the legal establishment and scientific experts to revise their opinions. It would have been completely inappropriate if the film, poignantly directed by Ross Devenish and written with taste and intelligence by Tony Marchant, had become like Meryl Streep's *Silkwood*, a vehicle for a star to show that she is so extraordinary she can almost be ordinary.

As character acting, David Suchet's Poirot was even more brilliant than Peter Ustinov's or Albert Finney's, but it lacked the comic tension between their Poirot's and their real, very recognizable, characters. Many of those watching might not have been able to put Suchet's name to his face, let alone Blott, Freud, Bloom, or other of his great television portrayals. But surely he will now finally lose his virgin appeal.

Andrew Hislop

David Robinson discovers the story behind the first appearance, 75 years ago tomorrow, of Charlie Chaplin's Tramp

Entrance of a movie legend

In April, the centenary of the birth of Charles Chaplin will be celebrated with retrospectives, exhibitions and other appropriate manifestations across the world. Anticipating that, however, there is another date, so far unregarded, that deserves to be commemorated. Tomorrow, January 10, is the 75th anniversary of the very first appearance before an audience of Chaplin's Tramp – perhaps the most universal fictional figure ever created.

We can pin down this momentous event to the exact day, end even the hour, thanks to recent discoveries by a Swedish academic, Bo Berglund. Berglund has taken movie archaeology to new extremes: his researches into the early days of American cinema have even included contemporary weather reports and comparisons of rainfall statistics with the state of the puddles on the earth roads of the still-rural Hollywood of 1914, as seen in the films.

In 1913, Chaplin was touring the American vaudeville circuit with Fred Karno's sketch company, when he was offered a year's contract to work with Mack Sennett's Keystone Studios. He arrived in California at the end of 1913, and early in 1914 made his first picture, *Making a Living*. The character he played, a shifty and *dubious dandy aspiring to be a* newsman, was quite unlike the figure that was to make him famous.

The tramp costume was devised in the Keystone wardrobe room. legend has it that Chaplin selected items from the costumes of his fellow comics – for instance, "Fatty" Arbuckle's enormous trousers. Chaplin himself explained however that he worked on the simple principle of contrasts: the jacket too tight and the trousers too large; the wing collar, cravat, Derby hat and swagger cane suggesting aspirations to bourgeois respectability that are instantly belied by the enormous decaying boots.

The costume – and the character that began at once to develop out of it – were first seen on the screen in a five-minute film called *Kid Auto Races at Venice*. It was a throwaway piece – almost a newsreel – of a type which Keystone often made. They would despatch a cameraman to film some interesting local event – a race meeting, a procession, a fire or a civic function – and send along one of the resident comics to provide foreground and enliven any dull moments.

On the afternoon of Saturday January 10, 1914, the Keystone crew went along to film a novel event at the beach resort of Venice – a race meeting for kiddie-cars, ranging from soap boxes on wheels to more sophisticated pedal models. With the camera crew went Charlie Chaplin in his newly-invented tramp costume.

Chaplin's business in the film is built on a single joke: a camera-*man is trying to film the races, but* is driven crazy by the outrageous little tramp who keeps getting in front of the camera, preening, fooling and peering with innocent curiosity into the lens. To end the film he makes an appalling grimace directly into the camera.



Enter a clown: Chaplin (left) stands before the crowd with, in the centre, one of the "boy racers" of Venice

For years even the most dedicated Chaplin scholars have been vague about the date on which the film was shot. Mr Berglund is the *first in all that time to take the* elementary step of searching the local Venice papers for contemporary reports. Sure enough, he discovered advertisements for the event, scheduled for 2.30 in the afternoon (or it might have been 1.30: unfortunately, the newspapers differ on the point).

The papers subsequently reported the event with great pride, and total unconcern that they had witnessed one of the most historic moments in the history of the movies. When the film came out, the *Venice Daily Vanguard* reported: "Everyone in Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica were in the picture last night at the Neptune Theatre when the 'Boys' Pushmobile Races' were being shown . . . Truly it was the most perfect and satisfactory picture of Venice and its people ever shown". *Only as an afterthought* they noted that Keystone's "Charlie Chapman" had been on hand.

Although *Kid Auto Races* was the first film with Chaplin's Tramp to be shown, it may not have been the first actually filmed. Chaplin himself claimed that he wore the the costume for the first time the previous week. for a more elaborate production. *Mabel's Strange Predicament*, which, presumably because its production took longer, only reached the screen after *Kid Auto Races*. The problem of precedence is an innocent controversy for Chaplin scholars in centenary year: a minutely argued article by Berglund himself appears in the forthcoming issue of the British Film Institute's magazine, *Sight and Sound*.

As Berglund points out, however, whichever film was made first, the first audience to see the tramp was the spectators who had gone to Venice Beach that afternoon to see the races, and saw him in the flesh. And since they themselves were also caught in the film, we can actually watch them in the moment of discovering the character who within a few months was to capture the imagination of most of the world.

At first the bystanders watch solemnly, bewildered, embarrassed, supposing that this is some real hobo or drunk who is getting in the cameraman's way. Gradually they catch on – the children first – and start to laugh, realizing that a second camera is filming the interloper as he interferes with an *evidently empty camera. Are any* of these racing youngsters still alive, one wonders? And did anyone guess that day that they were the first people in the world to set eyes upon one of the century's great legends?

Signs of talent

THEATRE

House of America
Battersea Arts Centre

Edward Thomas, author of this overheated drama, has written elsewhere of a difficulty that faces Welsh theatre outside Wales. Like black theatre, women's theatre, Irish theatre and, he could have added, gay theatre, it carries the burden of being expected to speak for its defined culture within a larger community.

Thomas avoids creating a state-of-the-nation piece by taking the extremest course available. As his South Wales family disintegrates beneath the hammer blows of incest, fratricide and open-cast mining, it ceases to be representative of any likely community. Eventually, so little happens to the mother, sons and daughter except what makes their troubles worse, that even as a family representing only itself the drama forfeits belief.

This is the more unfortunate because it begins well, first with a curious reminiscence by Mrs Lewis, addressed directly to the audience and spoken by Sharon Morgan under fierce top-lighting, as a compound of honesty and oddity. Her account of how her absent husband disappeared for America – on the same day the cat Marlon stepped into the washing machine ("He was washed to death") – convey the sense of being just faintly askew from the way someone quite sane would tell it. Both writing and performance artfully suggest this.

The next few scenes carry the impetus forward, seeding details about the unfulfilled lives of her children: Sid (Russell Gomer), skint and pushing 30; Gwenny (Catherine Tregenna), too eager to collude with his Jack Kerouac fantasies; and Boyo, the eventual lone survivor, nimbly played by Richard Lynch.

Directed by the author for Y Cwmni (The Company), the cast take hold of their roles with conviction, darting about a black stage almost bare of furniture and giving exuberant reality to their party scene. But Thomas never shifts the focus beyond his intensely inward-looking plot. The only outside character is a labourer up on the hills (Wyndham Price), and even he digs up something of theirs with his bulldozer.

Good use of *music, though*, beaten out at the side of the stage on percussion. And an author to watch, certainly.

Jeremy Kingston

Skilful vacuity

ROCK

Level 42
Wembley Arena

Level 42 has forged an unholy alliance of support. Revered for their expertise by "serious" aspirant musicians, who always vote Mark King to the top of the "Best Bassist" category in their magazine polls, and adored for their shopping mall soul melodies by a great mass of soft-core pop fans, the foundations of the band's success seem to be as unshakeable as they are unlikely.

This, the opening night of six at Wembley, was one of the first shows to feature Level 42's new line-up, yet despite a 50 per cent personnel change, the effect on the band's music has been minimal. One should note that the original drummer, Phil Gould, who favoured an unusually tightly-tuned, skinny sound, has been replaced by the beefier, more orthodox-sounding Gary Husband. His booming snare had a distinctly unappealing quality, especially on the slower "Leaving You Now".

The original guitarist Boon Gould (brother) has been replaced by Alan Murphy, formerly of Go West. Murphy's occasional quick-silver soloing, done in the increasingly over-worked Allan Holdsworth tradition, was marginally more exciting than that of the departed Gould, but, like Gould, his overall contribution and on-stage presence was about as engaging as that of a block of wood. Plus ça change . . .

The essence of the show remained securely in the swift and dextrous hands of King and his partner, the singer and keyboardist Mike Lindup. Aided by four mini-spaceship-like conglomerations of lights, an early smattering of pyrotechnics and a pointless "flying" routine at the end, when the pair were hoisted above the stage on ropes, they ploughed through their hits with a polished predictability.

Their best numbers – "Running in the Family" and "Lessons in Love" – boasted jaunty choruses and a pleasing toe-tapping quality. But, like trinkets swathed in layer upon layer of ornate wrapping paper, the inconsequential nature of most of the songs did not justify the overbearing technical ingenuity expended on their playing. It was as if *jazz/rock had met the Monkees*, with no message or creative substance to bridge the yawning chasm between.

David Sinclair

MARC ASPLAND



Secure in his dexterity: Mark King, bass guitarist who leads Level 42

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Radio rowdies

RADIO

When Radio 4 is next wondering how to enlarge its constituency among the under-30s, it might glance across at Radio 3's venture into The Works, make a few helpful notes and then quickly glance away again. This is – if I may be forgiven for employing in this context two words so hallowed by tradition – a kind of "music magazine", but you will agree that any comparisons with a former revered and respectable programme of that name end there.

Starting last Monday, it was on for an hour every early evening last week and can henceforth be heard on Fridays, in the slot otherwise occupied by *Third Ear*. Its presenter is new to me: David Owen Norris, pianist and teacher at the Royal Academy of Music, whose unimpeachably sober credentials give the unsuspecting listener no warning that he is a very chirpy chap indeed; and one who seems to me likely to irritate as many as (or far more than) he stimulates.

He is one of the reasons for glancing away rather hastily, before habituation takes the rough edge off some of his less endearing ways. These include a manner that often seems to have been borrowed direct from Radio 1 on a bad day, and a jokey relationship with his producer, studio technicians and continuity announcer, designed to create the impression that everything is rather lovably improvised and chaotic – an impression which a style of production owing something to a mix of radio comedy and montage documentary serves to reinforce.

These add up to some more reasons for glancing away, but in between all the carry on, Owen Norris turns out to be quite an astute, sharp-witted and ironical sort of fellow and when they can attend to any one item for more than the permitted three minutes' attention span, the programme's makers so far have delivered some engrossing sustained sequences – on Saturday music schools, for instance, or learning to compose. But even here, at its most sober, the whole undertaking lies a long way from the home life of our own dear Radio 3. Not a bad thing in my opinion, except that *The Works* does rather make it sound as if it had forsaken the said ancestral mansion for a rather noisy squat.

With all this rattling on, it was a relief to turn to Radio 4 and the calmer waters of Concerto (Tuesdays). The excellent June Knox-Mawer has just inaugurated a series of seven conversations with celebrated musicians, by talking to the Korean violinist, Kyung Wha Chung. This served as an introduction to a selection of her recordings, but not, I'm glad to say, as an excuse for them. It was a proper, thoughtful interview to which the lady eagerly responded, revealing an engaging character – candid, articulate, reflective. She has acquired, she told us, a reputation for being difficult, which appears to mean that she stands up for herself – as she needs to – against little autocratic habits of international conductors.

What an unexpected 25 minutes came with **Flight From Love** (Radio 4, Friday; producer Julian Hale). Dick Rutan and Geana Yeager built and piloted *Voyager* in the first-ever non-stop flight around the world. In doing so they fell in and then out of love. She had evidently survived the experience in a no-nonsense fashion, but it had left him desolated, a triumph from the fame clouded over by an unending sense of personal loss. A programme which had started as if it were to be a brief adventure story, suddenly plunged into an almost confessional intimacy. The transition and the contrast of emotions was quite startling.

David Wade

Late and early

CONCERTS

The Mozart Experience
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The bicentenary of Mozart's death is coming with a long pre-echo, even if one discounts fantasies. *Now we have* Roger Norrington, with his usual mixture of soft scholarly chat and crack musicianship, conducting us through the *music*.

For the opening programme we had been promised a movement from every work Mozart composed in his last year, and it was a pity to find that charming idea adapted to the needs of practicality and didacticism; there were no *songs, no chamber music, no* mechanical organs, no glass harmonica (though all of these things featured elsewhere in the weekend). Instead we had a kind of negative image of *The Magic Flute*, with music written around it (some delicious tastes of Mozart's dances, concerto movements, Masonic and church pieces) and behind it (the second-act finale from *Die Entführung*, the Bach chorus which the Armed Men seem to know).

Maldwyn Davies's affectingly vulnerable singing was a pleasure in the Masonic cantata and as Belmonte, and Lynne Dawson was strongly true and pure as Konstanze. The fear that period instruments still cause more problems than they solve was raised to the fore by Lesley Schatzberger in the slow movement of *The Clarinet Concerto*, but the orchestra, particularly the flute and oboe, made a splendid noise in the finale of the "Jupiter" symphony.

Paul Griffiths

Consort of Musicke
Wigmore Hall

Anthony Rooley, the Director of the Consort of Musicke, always champions his causes convincingly, as though he were a personal acquaintance of the composers involved. His essay on the late 16th-century Mantuan composer Orazio Vecchi, in the programme booklet for this concert, enthused over a versatile and unjustly neglected talent, comparing his art directly with that of Gilbert and Sullivan. The madrigal sequences given here did provide evidence of a composer of sharp wit as well as deep sensitivity, and one, moreover, whose sense of proportion is never anything other than elegant.

Vecchi's humorous side was demonstrated vividly in *Il giardiniero*, a gently bucolic dialogue in three sections for six voices which change roles as the composer desires. The Consort of Musicke garlanded this piece with some pretty physical gestures, so that confusion over which party was singing when was avoided. Their action also served to concentrate attention on details of polyphony, a step forward here or a wave of the arm there, drawing notice to a particular entry or point of imitation. *The dividing line* between such illumination and an intrusively affected kind of movement is a delicate one; happily, it was breached neither here nor in the four madrigals of *La Caccia d'Amore*, a sparkling whirligig of mildly naughty social games, complete with tongue-twisters.

But it was the nine "musical humours" of the fourteen that form the last part of Vecchi's 1604 collection *Le veglie di Siena* which demonstrated the real breadth of this composer's art. No need for any action here; each mood, whether dark, light, or anything in between, is subtly captured in both music and (Vecchi's own) words; the Consort's singers, always blending meticulously, adjusted themselves perfectly to every one.

Stephen Pettitt

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TED BATH

Getting the women's vote: Jim Addison, managing director of shortlisted CPM Sales in Oxfordshire, and Karin Kimber, with some of the female workforce

Make mother's day

Today *New Woman* announces the name of the company that has won the 'Working for Women' award; Lee Rodwell looks at the nominations

There is a drawing on my office wall of a married couple setting off for work. All you can see of the husband is one pin-striped leg vanishing on the far right. Then comes the wife, executive briefcase in hand — but her progress is hindered by the shackles round her ankles as she drags behind her two cuddly toys, a line of washing, and a baby in a cot.

It is a neat illustration of a truth known to many working mothers: one of the most powerful obstacles hindering women's progress is the burden of child care. And finding employment with a company which will help rather than hinder one's attempt to juggle the demands of a job and a family is far from easy.

Last October *New Woman* magazine invited readers to nominate the companies for their new "Working for Women" award. The aim was to promote a continued awareness of the needs of the working mother, and the award was to go to the company which not only had a genuinely equal attitude to women in promotion terms, but which was also supportive of women with families.

The judges — all working mothers — were Jennifer D'Abo, former chairman of Ryman; Julia Somerville, the ITN newsreader; and Frankie McGowan, editor of *New Woman*. McGowan says: "To be honest, I did not expect a huge response, but in fact we were inundated with letters. However, most of them came from women writing to say how dreadful their firm was. We had to rule out a number of others — where we could see that a firm had been generous to a woman because they valued her particular skills, but we could not be certain that their generosity would extend to all women.

"And it also became clear that a lot of companies who were merely observing the law were giving their employees the impression that they were actually doing them a big favour. In the end we were left with between 90 and 100 legitimate nominations — which sounds high until you think of the number of companies employing women."

The results are being announced at midday today. Three of those who have reached the shortlist are big retailers who are generally recognized as having an enlightened attitude — Marks & Spencer, Boots and Tesco — but the others include a sales promotion company, an engineering firm, a charity, and Radio Telefis Eireann.

Apart from running courses to encourage women to move both into management positions and into non-traditional areas (such as behind cameras), RTE has a job-sharing scheme, its own crèche, offers 14 weeks' paid maternity leave, and has allowed new mothers to take leave of absence for up to a year after having a baby. Employees can also have three days' compassionate leave a year, extended to five days if, for instance, a child is very ill.

However, Caroline Murphy, 32, who has two daughters aged one and two and is currently training as a producer/director for television sport, says there is more to it than that: "It is the way they treat you as an individual. When I returned from my first maternity leave I did not want to go back to shift work as a presenter/reporter in the news room. I was going to leave to do contract work but the personnel department persuaded me not to. They said that when you've just had a baby you need time to let things shake down. When I mentioned going back to radio they offered me promotion as a radio producer within a week."

Karin Kimber's experience of trying to combine work and motherhood was rather different. Kimber, 30, is a secretary at CPM Sales, a sales promotion and field merchandizing and marketing company at Thame, Oxfordshire. She has three children aged four, five and seven, and until last June had given up the idea of a permanent job and was temping: "Every time I went along for an interview I was asked what I would do if the children were sick or on holiday from school. I felt as though I had a disease — and it was called children. But when my boss at CPM asked why I was a temp and I told him, he simply asked me what hours I wanted to work."

It is the attitude of management and co-workers that matters as much as the formal terms' and conditions of employment, she adds. "In places where I'd worked before, I felt that if I had to take a day off because a child was ill, other women bickered about it. In the end you just ring up and say it's you that's sick."

The company employs about 220 people of whom around 140 are women, from managers to secretaries. Jim Addison, the managing director, says: "The amount of available labour, particularly in the south-east, is becoming more and more stretched, and any forward-looking company must be looking at where it will find its labour force in five to 10 years' time. If we are flexible and sympathetic to women's needs, then they will feel good about us and we will get more out of them."

Dorothy Andrews, 37, has three children aged 15, 11 and seven; she is a tracer with Roberts & Partners, a firm of consulting engineers. Of the 130 staff about 30 are women. She works in the Basingstoke office — when she isn't working from home. "The company provides drawing boards for us so that if a child is sick or the childminder is on holiday, we can get on with the work at home without feeling guilty about leaving the child or neglecting the job."

Sue Kirtley is the company's personnel and accounts manager. "It helps that we are a fairly young company," she says. "We were able to work out positive, flexible policies." Another shortlisted firm, Fullemploy, a London-based charity which helps black and Asian communities and employs 123 women out of a staff of 186, offers more than a sympathetic approach about days off to care for sick children or cope with other domestic crises. As Julia Paylor, the personnel manager, says, they have generous maternity and paternity leave arrangements.

"Women on maternity leave get 18 weeks on full pay and can take up to a year off starting from the week the baby's due. We already have an informal agreement that if people have a sick child at home they can have paid time off. In addition, if someone has to work unusual hours — in the evening or at weekends, for instance — we pay a child minding allowance."

None of the things any of these companies offer is particularly revolutionary: time off without loss of pay to look after a sick child; flexible working hours that can accommodate anything from having to take a child to the doctor to going to the school play; maternity provisions that go beyond the statutory requirements; a crèche; above all, an atmosphere in which the working mother feels needed and appreciated. This is all that most working mothers ask for.

Are there signs that things are changing? McGowan is not overly optimistic: "By the mid-1990s firms will need working mothers, as the number of school leavers available for employment drops. But in general, large companies do not seem to recognize the needs of families. Perhaps it's because they tend to be run by men who leave that kind of thing to their wives — wives who don't work."

Loving sisters

Centrefold model is slain by jealous husband over affair with film director, who marries her kid sister. But this is real . . .

The story of Dorothy Stratten and the men who tried to control, manipulate and — just possibly — love her has become a disillusioning and sad symbol of the Eighties.

As the decade began Stratten was already Playmate of the Year, an actress in three films, and the lover of director Peter Bogdanovich. Then she was savagely murdered by her hustler of a husband, Paul Snider, who subsequently turned the 12-gauge Mossberg shotgun on himself. It happened two years and one day after she arrived in Hollywood. She was 20.

A debate in print, in major magazine articles and books, and in films — notably the late Bob Fosse's *Star 80* — began. Then there were lawsuits, counter-lawsuits and continuing rumour about the life and death of Dorothy Ruth Hoogstratten, whose working life began as a waitress in a fast-food restaurant in Vancouver.

While an industry of gossip swelled around Stratten, Bogdanovich himself defended and worked to immortalize her. Last week we learnt that Bogdanovich, 49, has married Dorothy's sister Louise Hoogstratten, who is now 20. And it is said that he paid for his bride — known professionally as L.B. Stratten — to have plastic surgery to make her look more like her murdered sister.

The real kernel of the strange Stratten case is dominant men and submissive women. Bogdanovich is a serious, introverted man who needs to be in control. He is also a film junkie (Cybill Shepherd, a previous Bogdanovich protégée who called him "Sven" for Svengali, says they used to watch "at least one thousand films a year"). In the late Fifties and early Sixties he was a theatre actor in New York, and a prolific critic and essayist on films and film-makers.

He arrived in Hollywood in 1964 and became an assistant to Roger Corman before getting his first chance to direct four years later, guiding Boris Karloff through *Targets*. In 1971 he made *The Last Picture Show*, followed by *What's Up Doc?*, *Paper Moon*, and 1985's critical success, *Mask*. He has been involved with the Hoogstratten family since he made the comedy film *They All Laughed*. Audrey Hepburn and Ben Gazzara were the stars, but Dorothy Stratten was the big attraction for Bogdanovich, and her role grew as his fascination increased. She became his lover, and he planned to marry her after she divorced Snider. But Snider, who had talked Stratten out of her others and then used her nude pictures as a passport out of Vancouver and into Hugh Hefner's *Playboy* mansion, acted first, killing his wife and himself on August 14, 1980.



The murdered catrefold: poor Dorothy Stratten



The film director who likes to control: Peter Bodanovich



The rising kidister: Louise Stratten, now aged 20

A Hoogstratte family friend says Bogdanovich has been interested in Luise since shortly after Dorthy died. "He travelled roughout Europe with her and her mother. In his grief over losing Dorothy he became closer to the family."

Perhaps also in grief, Bogdanovich set about writing "the truth", and in doing so launched a fierce attack on Hugh Hefner, his private life and public *Playboy* philosophy, in *The Killing of the Unicorn: Dorothy Stratten 1960-1980*. In it he calls Hefner "a kind of Walt Disney of pornography homogenized for the masses". He says Hefner must bear part responsibility for Dorothy's death for luring her into the *Playboy* lifestyle.

In turn, Hefner blamed Bogdanovich and his book for a stroke which he said was brought on by stress. He also alleged that Bogdanovich began an affair with Louise Hoogstratten not long after Dorothy's death, and also that he had had sexual relations with her mother, Nelly. And it was he who claimed Bogdanovich had paid for cosmetic surgery to make Louise look like Dorothy.

But Bogdanovich has not dropped his fascination with Dorothy Stratten. "She and Peter were in love and her death changed Peter forever. I don't think he will ever get over it," says John Ritter, who co-starred in *They All Laughed*. The director still screens the film for himself: "The film was my salvation, my record of Dorothy. It showed her beauty and luminousness, her promise."

In the years after the murder he described himself as a widower. His friends say that when he is asked about his moods or who can understand him or them he answers: "Dorothy, only Dorothy." He has also been reluctant to make films, and says he only agreed to do *Mask* "because I thought Dorothy would like the picture".

Bogdanovich's life appears now to have come full circle. Nearly 10 years after Dorothy Stratten's death, he has married her sister. And he is about to be reunited on film in *Texasville* with Cybill Shepherd, two decades after *The Last Picture Show*.

It will be no surprise if L.B. Stratten turns up in the cast — there is a perfect role for her as Shepherd's daughter. And stranger things have happened.

Douglas Thompson

What the Sultan can't buy

PENNY PERRICK

This spring a book is to be published about the richest man in the world, who happens to be the Sultan of Brunei. The promotional literature about this forthcoming publication makes pretty explicit reading: "This book is about wealth that is beyond the limit of most people's imaginings. It is about the Croesus of modern times — a man who does not face the question 'what can I afford?' but 'what do I really want?'"

"The answers have included the Dorchester Hotel in London, the Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles, a personalized Boeing 747, two wives (concurrently) and a lifestyle of extraordinary luxury."

One thing the Croesus of modern times obviously did not have a hankering for was a smidgin of good taste, for he is photographed sitting at one of those hideous rococo tables which looks as if it were purchased in the seediest section of Tottenham Court Road. To add to the general air of tackiness, the Sultan has accessorized himself with epaulettes, medals and several strings of pearls and has a haircut which would give Vidal Sassoon a terminal nervous breakdown on the spot. The next time the richest man in the world starts to wonder what it is that he really wants, I hope that the answer he comes up with is a personalized fashion adviser.

The Sultan is not the only one around here who has to distinguish what he wants from what he can afford. According to the fortieth anniversary edition of *Britain — An Official Handbook*, which was published by the Central Office of Information last week, more people can afford more things than ever before. Half of our households have two television sets, 46 per cent of us own video recorders and 21 per cent of the population now take two or more holidays away from home. This all smacks of disposable income and when there is money to hand, there is always an entrepreneur around to create that "must have it" feeling. On the day I glanced through *Britain — An Official Handbook*, I also read an article in this newspaper proclaiming that the £50 pair of jeans cannot be far off, as the Pepe group of companies has discovered that "yesteryear's statement of rebellion is becoming a status symbol for the middle-aged", and is pushing designer denim all over the world.

The question is do we really *want* all these symbols of an affluent society or do we buy them because they are there and affordable? It strikes me that people won't get much use out of their video recorder if they are always off on holiday or nipping down the shops to buy a new pair of expensive jeans.

I cannot believe that the Sultan really *wanted* the Dorchester. Why have all the hassle of guests complaining about the size of the bath-towels or the tardiness of the service when you can be a guest and the one to do the complaining? Why have two wives when it lets you in for two lots of pre-menstrual tension and two different styles of marital bickering? I bet the Sultan didn't really want any of this; he just thought he ought to have it because his current account was in the black.

I have spent a fair bit of time this week wandering around the sales trying to pretend I wanted something. And I just couldn't go through with it. What I want is true love, long eyelashes and small feet and you cannot buy any of those at Harrods.

I don't even want the richest man in the world as he seems to have an ownership complex and I feel very sorry for both of his wives if they have to spend their lives flying in the personalized plane to check out the properties in London and Beverly Hills. If one runs into a little turbulence when airborne, one wishes to be quietly sick and complain to British Airways afterwards.

Whereas I suppose the Sultan's ladies have to keep on smiling through while pretending that they love bumping through the clouds in their husband's new toy. I bet what wives number one and two really *want* is never to have to stay at the Dorchester or the Beverly Hills Hotel and to be able to travel everywhere by train.

● The Richest Man in the World, *by James Bartholomew, to be published by Viking in April (price £12.95)*

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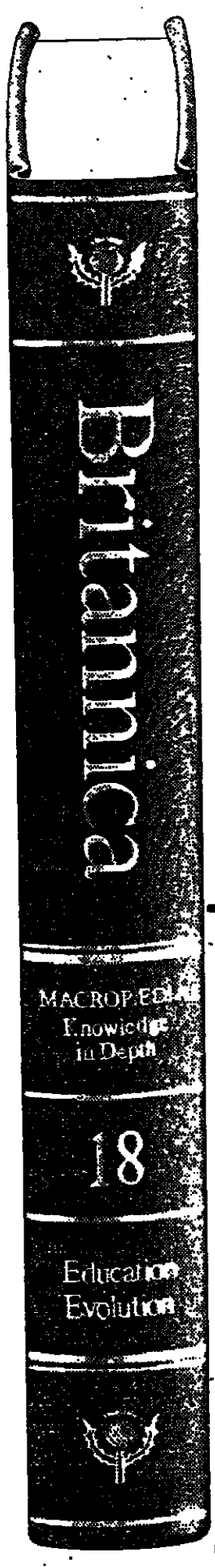
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ANYTHING FOR A QUIET LIFE:** Theatre de Complicité's funniest show: telling the terrible truth about office life.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida St, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Previews from tonight, 8pm. Press night Wed. 8pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, Mon £3.50, Tue-Thur £5.50, Fri-Sat £6.50. (D)

☆ **ARTIST DESCENDING A STAIRCASE:** Deft, often touching, stage version of Tom Stoppard's radio play, transferred from the King's Head.
Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 5122). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri-Sat 8.30pm, mats Fri and Sat 5pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kiki Dee as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thur 3pm and Sat 4pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D)

☆ **HENCEFORWARD:** Ian McKellen and Jane Asher in excellent Ayckbourn play set in a future London serviced by willing robots.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8.30pm; mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 5pm, £7.50-£15.

☆ **THE INFANT:** Almost the earliest (1782) Russian play, by Denis Fonvizin, satirizing the antics of boorish landowners: first in a classy series celebrating the Gate's 10th season.
Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Public House, Pembridge Street, W11 (01-229 0706). Tube: Notting Hill Gate. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **A MAN WITH CONNECTIONS:** Bill Paterson and Marty Cruickshank in Moscow's most popular play of 1987, by Gorbachov's friend Aleksandr Gelman: bribery and corruption in the construction racket.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Sq, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Last preview tonight, 8pm. Press night tomorrow, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, Mon £4, Tue-Sat eves £5-£12, mat Sat £4-£9. (D)

☆ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Geraldine McEwan and Sara Kestelman take over the leads in Peter Shaffer's smash comedy where two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 3pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆ **MRS KLEIN:** Transfer from the National Theatre of Nicholas Wright's engrossing play about parentage and childhood in the life of Melanie Klein. Superb performances by Gillian Barge, Zoe Wanamaker, Francesca Annis.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **POPPY:** Return of the Peter Nichols/Monty Norman anti-pantomime about Britain's merry pranks running the opium trade.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Mon-Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **THE RELAPSE:** Roy Marsden and Kate O'Mara in British Actors' Theatre revival of Vanbrugh's ever popular romp.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. Mon-Thur and mats £8.50-£12.50, Fri and Sat eves £10-£14.50. (D)

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) ... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) ... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) ... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) ... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) ... ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) ... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) ... ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ... ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-867 1117) ... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn:** Enjoyable musical version by Roger Haines, with Paul Ryan as the first boy-hero to smoke a pipe.
Library Theatre, St Peter's Sq (061 236 7110). Mon-Sat 2.30pm, Fri-Sat 7pm, adults £5, children £2.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
≋ Advance booking possible

DEAD RINGERS (18): David Cronenberg's sleek psychological thriller about identical twins (Jeremy Irons times two) who run a women's fertility clinic and share the same girlfriend (Genevieve Bujold) (115 min).
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 1.00, 2.40, 5.20, 8.10

THE DRESSMAKER (15): Beryl Bainbridge's novel about a teenage girl in wartime Liverpool whose romance with a GI causes flutters among her guardian aunts (Joan Plowright, Billie Whitelaw) (92 min).
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.45, 8.45

■ **A FISH CALLED WANDA (15):** The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wanda. Directed by Charles Crichton (109 min).
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310) Progs 1.10, 4.55, 8.05
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 5.55, 9.05.
≋ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40
Screen on Baker St (01-935 2772). Progs 4.05, 6.40, 8.40.

■ **HIGH SPIRITS (15):** Spirited supernatural comedy from director Neil Jordan, with Peter O'Toole as the owner of a decrepit Irish castle advertised as haunted (92 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.30, 6.55, 9.30.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.20, 8.55

THE LONELY PASSION OF JUDITH HEARNE (15): Intelligent version of Brian Moore's novel about an impoverished woman whose romantic dreams turn sour. With Maggie Smith, Bob Hoskins (103 min).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 3.45 (not Sun), 6.15, 8.45.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.15, 6.25, 8.40.
Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15.

WAR REQUIEM (PG): Derek Jarman's sombre visualization of Benjamin Britten's celebrated oratorio with Nathaniel Parker as the poet Wilfred Owen, and apocalyptic images of warfare (86 min).
Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00
Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-836 8861) Progs 1.15 (not Sun), 3.40, 6.05, 8.30

■ **WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG):** Energetic mixture of cartoons and real life. Ace animation director Richard Williams supplies a frantic array of "toon" characters, headed by Roger Rabbit. Bob Hoskins plays the dishevelled gumshoe Eddie Valiant. (104 min).
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45.
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Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30
Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 7.00, 8.55
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35

■ **WILLOW (PG):** Costly medieval fantasy from George Lucas, about an evil queen's reign of terror and an earnest midget's mission to save the infant princess. Directed by Ron Howard; with Val Kilmer, Joanne Whalley, Warwick Davis (126 min).
Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 3.10, 6.00, 8.40
Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.05
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.05.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top ten television programmes in the week ending January 7

BBC 1		BBC2	
1	Neighbours (Fri) 20.55m	1	Food and Drink Xmas Quiz (Thur/Fri) 5.40m
2	EastEnders (Thur/Sun) 20.50m	2	Tall in the Saddle 4.10m
3	EastEnders (Tue/Sun) 19.35m	3	The Travel Show Guide 4.05m
4	Neighbours (Thur) 19.30m	4	Alas Sage and Onion 3.85m
5	Neighbours (Tue) 18.70m	5	Rock, Roll Years 3.55m
6	Neighbours (Wed) 18.55m	6	Shadow On the Earth 3.45m
7	Neighbours (Mon) 18.50m	7	Mission Impossible 3.15m
8	Bread 18.00m	8	The Tin Now Departing 3.10m
9	Last of the Summer Wine 17.10m	9	Season's Greetings 2.90m
10	'Allo 'Allo! 17.05m	10	Sweet Dreams 2.65m
ITV		**Channel 4**	
1	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.15m	1	Brookside (Wed/Sat) 6.95m
2	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 15.80m	2	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.05m
3	News at Ten (Wed) ITN 13.00m	3	Fifteen-to-one (Fri) 4.30m
4	The Bill (Thur/Fri) Thames 12.55m	4	Fifteen-to-one (Tue) 3.60m
5	This Is Your Life Thames 12.30m	5	Fifteen-to-one (Thur) 3.55m
6	Boon Central 12.20m	6	Fifteen-to-one (Wed) 3.45m
7	10 Years of Alright On Night Lwt 12.15m	7	Yanks 3.35m
8	Strike It Lucky Thames 11.15m	8	Fifteen-to-one (Mon) 3.30m
9	The Bill (Tue/Fri) Thames 11.00m	8	The Golden Girls 3.30m
10	Des O'Connor Tonight Thames 11.00m	10	All I Want For Xmas 3.05m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time*. Mon to Fri 1.7m TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.5m
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board



A delightful prospect

Something old, something new and something borrowed is the very least one can expect from the Royal Opera's New Year production. *Die Fledermaus*, that old war-horse of the season, will break with tradition by being sung in an entirely new English version by John Mortimer. His contribution should be as unpredictable in its delights as that of Griff Rhys Jones (above), who plays the spoken part of Frosch, the garrulous gaoler. John Cox's new production borrows the company's existing 1977 Viennese sets by Julia Trevelyan Oman as a backdrop for a promising cast: Carol Vaness is Rosalinde, Thomas Allen takes the role of Eisenstein, and Dennis O'Neill is Rosalinde's former lover, Alfredo. Lillian Watson will sing Adele, Alan Opie will be Dr Falke, and Claire Powell the Prince Orlofsky. The Hungarian conductor Adam Fischer makes his debut with the Royal Opera, following in the footsteps of Johann Strauss himself who conducted at Covent Garden in 1867. Opening tonight, *Die Fledermaus* runs for seven performances, including a schools matinee on Wednesday and a live broadcast on Radio 3 on January 21. ***Hilary Finch***

DANCE

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schaufuss's production for London Festival Ballet.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £5-£17.

GALLERIES

SIR ALFRED MUNNINGS RA (1878-1959): Limited edition prints by a noted horse painter.
Frost & Reed, 41 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 2457). Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, free. Until February 3.

LUCY ROSS: Recent still-life landscape paintings.
369 Gallery, 233 Cowgate, Edinburgh (031 2253013). Mon-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, free. Until January 28.

BRUCE McLEAN: Prints and works on paper by a humorous parodist of art styles.
The Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031 2255955). Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 9.30am-2pm, free. Until February 1.

SIMON PACKARD: Large and imposing monochrome woodcuts often depicting animals.
Plymouth Art Centre, 38 Looe Street, Plymouth (0752 660060). Mon 10am-5pm, Tue-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 5am-8pm, free. Until February 11.

PETER GRIFFITHS: Recent paintings.
Huddersfield Art Gallery, Princess Alexandra Walk (0484 513808). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free. Until February 5.

MONTAGE: Paintings, graphics and photographs by Tim Lewsley.
The Library, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 523523). Mon-Fri 9am-9.30pm, Sat 2-6.30pm, Sun 2-9.30pm, free. Until January 27.

ROCK

☆ **THE DELUXE BLUES BAND/ JOHNNY MARS/BRETT MARVIN & THE THUNDERBOLTS/DAVE KELLY:** Blues night benefit on behalf of Jo Ann Kelly, the blues singer and guitarist who is recovering from a brain tumour operation.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8pm, £5.

☆ **LEVEL 42:** Perennial techno-pop funk fusioneers, touring for the first time with their new line-up. New single "Tracie" released today.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234), 7.30pm, £11-£12.50. Also tomorrow, Wed and Thur.

☆ **BROS:** Teenybop heroes nearing the end of a trying UK tour.
Whitley Bay Ice Rink, Hillheads Road (091 2526240), 7.30pm, £9.

☆ **ICE COLD IN ALICE:** Innocuous post-Duran pop quartet, tipped to take over where Curiosity Killed The Cat left off. Supporting a group called Stormed.
Mean Fiddler, 24-28 Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490), 8pm, £3.

JAZZ

☆ **ALBERT MANGELSDORFF:** First of four nights from the virtuoso German trombonist, performing solo as usual, on the same bill as trumpeter Ian Carr and the Peter Ind Duo.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £5.

☆ **GEORGE COLEMAN:** The ex-Miles Davis tenor player produced some scorching solos last week after a tame opening. Blues vocalist Tam White provides an old-fashioned but enjoyable support set.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £12 (members £2).

☆ **JAZZ ARTISTS AGAINST APARTHEID:** Start of a series of monthly concerts. The Roger Bunn Quartet takes charge tonight, various big names are expected to drop by.
Jazz Cafe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936), 8.30pm, £3.

OPERA

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** See box.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (01-240 1066), 7pm, £2.50-£75. Further performances on Jan 13, 16, 19, 21.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **PILLINER PLAYS:** Richard Pilliner begins his organ recital with Jongen's Sonata Eroica and ends with Germani's Tocata, with a Prelude by Samazeuilh, a Prelude by Alain, and Reger's Fantasia and Fugue Op 135b in between.
St Michel's, Cornhill, London EC3, 1-2pm, free.

☆ **GABRIELI QUARTET:** Ravel's Quartet and Haydn's Quartet Op 64 No 6.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £3.

☆ **DRUIETT DUETS:** The flautist Helen Druiett plays Mouquet's *Pan and the Birds*, Genin's Fantasia on Verdi's *Rigoletto*, Lennox Berkeley's Sonata Op 97, and a Mozart Sonata with Stephen Hose at the piano.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

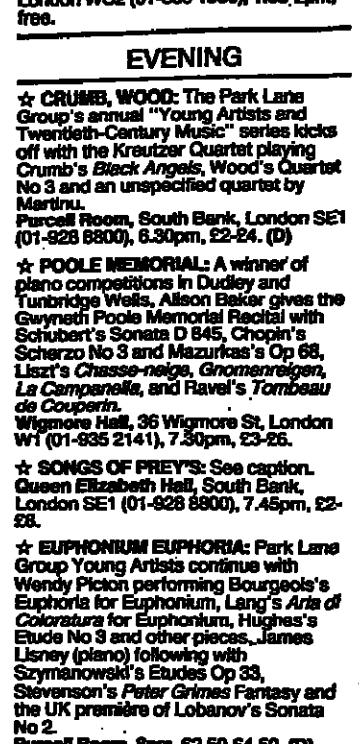
EVENING

☆ **CRUMB, WOOD:** The Park Lane Group's annual "Young Artists and Twentieth-Century Music" series kicks off with the Kreutzer Quartet playing Crumb's *Black Angels*, Wood's Quartet No 3 and an unspecified quartet by Martinu.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 6.30pm, £2-£4. (D)

☆ **POOLE MEMORIAL:** A winner of piano competitions in Dudley and Tunbridge Wells, Alison Baker gives the Gwyneth Poole Memorial Recital with Schubert's Sonata D 845, Chopin's Scherzo No 3 and Mazurkas's Op 68, Liszt's *Chasse-neige*, *Gnomenreigen*, *La Campanella*, and Ravel's *Tombeau de Couperin*.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **SONGS OF PREY'S:** See caption.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £2-£8.

☆ **EUPHONIUM EUPHORIA:** Park Lane Group Young Artists continue with Wendy Picton performing Bourgeois's Euphoria for Euphonium, Lang's *Aria di Coloratura* for Euphonium, Hughes's Etude No 3 and other pieces, James Lisney (piano) following with Szymanowski's Etudes Op 33, Stevenson's *Peter Grimes* Fantasy and the UK première of Lobanov's Sonata No 2.
Purcell Room, 8pm, £2.50-£4.50. (D)



Schubert had little fame in his lifetime, but many friends, and they used to organize musical parties where he and his music were the main feature. Tonight, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the distinguished baritone Hermann Prey gives the first of four concerts modelled on those Viennese occasions, called, as they were then, "Schubertiades". This evening he sings a wide range of Schubert songs, and on Thursday he performs the great *Winterreise* cycle. Tomorrow and Wednesday other artists will join in with instrumental as well as vocal music.

WALKS

ST JAMES: PRINCES AND PERSONALITIES FROM PEPYS TO NANCY ASTOR: Meet Clydesdale Bank, Piccadilly tube, 11am, £3.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHARLES DICKENS: Meet Holborn tube, 11.30am, £3.

HAUNTED LONDON — A GASLIT GHOST WALK: Meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

FLEET AIR ARM ON FILM: Unique presentation of archive film from the 1930s and 1940s, plus the first ever screening of *Aircraft Carrier of Korea*, made in 1952.
Fairfield Hall, Croydon, 7.30pm. Adults £2.25-£2.75, children £1.50-2.00 (box office 01-688 9291).

VIDEO ART IN GERMANY: 1986-87: A selection of videos entered for the prestigious Marl Video Prize, awarded annually in Germany. Catalogue with details of artists and their work also available.
Goëthe Institute, 50 Princes Gate, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-581 3344). Mon-Fri in the gallery noon-4pm, Sat in the library 10am-1pm, free, catalogue £1. Until Jan 28.

WILD CREATURES: An Arts Council exhibition featuring the work of a number of contemporary artists who have depicted both animals and man as wild creatures — with amusing and sinister results.
Ramsgate Library Gallery, Guildford Lawn, Ramsgate, Kent (0843 593532). Mon, Tue, Wed 9.30am-6pm, Thur and Sat 9.30am-5pm, Fri 9.30am-8pm, free. Until Jan 14.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Family show presented and performed by the Oxfordshire Touring Company, at various venues around Milton Keynes over the next week. All performances 7.30pm. Today's at Stoke Goldington. (Booking and further information 0908 682682.) Tickets for all performances adults £1, children 50p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BARBICAN: Booking for February includes LSO in Verdi *Requiem*, visits by Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Polish Chamber Orchestra, and Mahler's *Resurrection* in aid of Amnesty International.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

THE ROYAL ELLINGTON: World premiere of *The Queen's Suite* with Bob Wilber Big Band, and other works by Ellington. Jan 23.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800).

LAST CHANCE

ALADDIN: Final performances of John Doyle show to mark Year of the Dragon, with costumes by Glenn Willoughby and sets by Chris Crosswell. Ends Saturday.
Everyman, Regent Street, Cheltenham (0242 572573).

WOMEN BY WOMEN: Work of women photographers with famous women subjects from mid-19th century until today, to tie in with 1989 calendar. Subjects include Barbara Hepworth, Anita Roddick, Elizabeth Lutyens. Ends Sunday.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2.

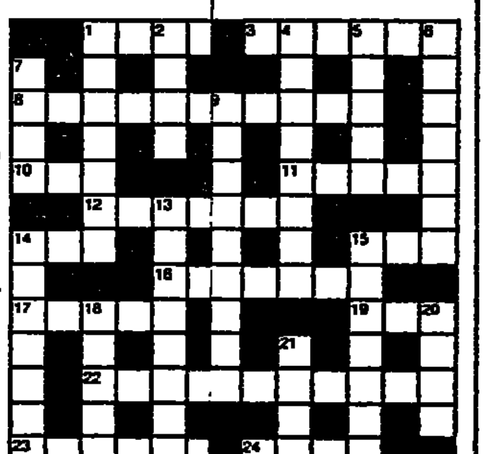
PARIS — THE ESSENTIAL CITY: Photographs by Françoise Legrande with text by Godfrey Howard, to reflect the essential heartbeat of the city. Part of "Images de France" festival.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). Ends today.

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond prize draw are: £100,000 14TP 470 344 (the winner lives in the London borough of Camden): £50,000 13DZ 059 681 (Brighton); £25,000 3WF 929 171 (Bristol).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1765



ACROSS
1 Swindle (4)
3 Separate (6)
8 Big stock dealer (11)
10 Euro TV system (1,1,1)
11 Ungainly (5)
12 Superintend (7)
14 Bridle mouthpiece (3)
15 Prepare for solder (3)
16 Museum administrator (7)
17 Ghostly (5)
19 Alces alces (3)
22 US securities exchange (5,6)
23 Haphazard (6)
24 Care (4)

DOWN
1 Play auxiliary story (7)
2 Formic insects (4)
4 Coming to notice (8)
5 Pointing sign (5)
6 Peaceful, calm (7)
7 Moist (4)
9 Filled with dread (9)
13 Behold the man (4,4)
14 Food mixer (7)
15 Journeyed with wagon (7)
18 Polymer substance (5)
20 Diurnal bird of prey (4)
21 Denpasar island (4)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

NURDLE
(b) In cricket to score runs with small pushes and deflections rather than by dashing stroke play: "But Edrich nurdled his tremulous 10 to achieve 1000 runs before the end of May."

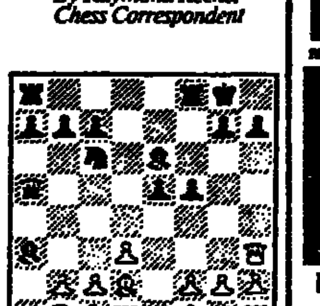
RAIK
(a) A course, journey, range, from the Old Norse *reik* walk: "The wolf and the kid their raik began."

OCCAMY
(a) An imitation silver, a corrupt form of alchemy: "The occamy spangles of once-proud concubines."

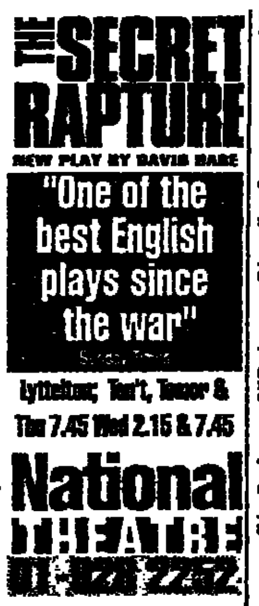
FEAGUE
(c) To whip, and hence metaphorically to do for, settle the business of, perplex, cf. Dutch *vegen*, German *fegen*: "Curs, keep ye off from snapping at my heels, or I shall so feague ye."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game Tchigotin (White) against Janowsky (Black), played in the first tournament at Hastings in 1895. Black plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.



HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL CORMICK Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Sold out to 30 Sept New booking period to be announced Queue daily for returns

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LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 From Wed 7.45pm Mats Thurs 2.30pm Sat 4pm Prev an adaptation of Susan Hill's the WOMAN IN BLACK with JOHN DUTTINE and CHARLES KAY. Studio Ton't 7pm PENTECOST by Stewart Parker

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FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St, St James's, SW1 01-839 3942. HENRY MOORE - Sculpture and Drawings. Until 13 Jan. Mon-Fri 10-5.30; Sats 10-12.30

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, PICCADILLY, W1 Recorded Info 01-439 4996/7 TOULOUSE-LAUTREC: THE GRAPHIC WORKS - extended due to pop demand to 5 Feb (closed 12 Jan) Open daily 10-6 inc (reduced rate Sun until 1.45 pm)

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Tube 485 2443 VERONICO CRUZ (15) Progs 1.10 3.05 5.0 7.0 9.05 ENDS THUR 12 JAN. STARTS FRI Oliver Schmitz's MAPANTSULA (15)

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 Barbara Hershey in Pascali's LA BOHEME directed by Luigi Comencini (U) Progs 1.30 4.05 6.25 8.45

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737 LOUIS MALLE'S AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS (PG) Film at 1.30 (not Sun) 3.45 6.00 8.50 "This is a film I urge you to see" Barry Norman Film '88.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 BARBARA HERSHEY in A WORLD APART (PG). Film at 1.45 (not Sun) 4.00 6.15 8.40

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LUMIERE St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 BIRD (15) Progs 1.25 4.35 7.55 & Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm. ENDS THURS 12 JAN. STARTS FRI 13 JAN Mike Leigh's HIGH HOPES (15). Advance Booking Now Open

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1. Terence Davies's DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15) Progs 1.20 3.15 5.10 7.10 9.10
2. A TAXING WOMAN (15) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.35. ENDS THURS 12 JAN STARTS FRI Claus Zschokke's BIRD (15)

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Wed 7.30 Christmas Eve. Thu 7.30 La Boheme.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 928 8800 (Credit cards accepted) LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET THE NUTCRACKER Today-Sat 7.30 Sat Mats 3pm. FINAL WEEK

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911 Stdby info 836 6903 S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Die Fledermaus. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Cinderella. Ballet casting info. 01 240 9815.

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE Ton't 7.30 THE TAILOR OF GLOUCESTER

THEATRES

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DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01 836 8108 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (bkg fee) BACK WITH A VENGEANCE THE SECOND COMING WITH THE IMMORTAL BARRY HUMPHRIES 9 MARCH FOR 31 PERFS ONLY

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FORTUNE 836 2238 CC 741 9999 First Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Eves 8.0 Sats 5.0 & 8.30 MAUREEN LIPMAN in RE: JOYCE! Adapted from the works of JOYCE GRENFELL With Denis King Directed by Alan Strachan MUST END FEB 18

GARRICK 01 379 6107 cc 01 240 7200 Grps 930 6123 MARIA AITKEN RUPERT EVERETT NOEL COWARD'S THE VORTEX Prevs 19 Jan Opens 26 Jan

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45, Sat Mat 3pm GERALDINE McEWAN SARA KESTELMAN in LETTICE AND LOVAGE By PETER SHAFFER with MORAY WATSON Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE BEST COMEDY '88 E.Std Award

GREENWICH THEATRE 01 858 7755 cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 THE WOMAN IN WHITE by Melissa Murray based on the novel by Wilkie Collins "Elegant, Fearless" S.Tel

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Leon Errol in *Punchy Pancho* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25;** regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27;** and, at **7.45,** live coverage of the draw for the fourth round of the FA Cup, introduced by Bob Wilson. **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **Call the Director-General,** presented by Kate Adie. Following last night's *See for Yourself* programme, Michael Checkland will answer questions from viewers and listeners. To participate ring 01-580 4411 (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4).
10.00 News and weather followed by **The Pink Panther Show** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC** presented by Andy Crane begins with **Playbus 10.50 Paddington** (r). **10.55** *Five to Eleven.* Estelle Kohler with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Viewers tackle television programme makers
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** with Sue Cook, Judi Spiers and Simon Potter. The guests include John Mortimer. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Interfering Eileen is getting on Daphne's nerves
1.50 Going for Gold. European general knowledge game presented by Henry Kelly
2.15 Ironside. The wheelchair-bound police chief and his team solve another mystery. Starring Raymond Burr (r).
3.05 The Hogan Family. The first of a new domestic comedy series — a sequel to *Valerie,* starring Josh Taylor
3.25 Bazaar. Domestic time- and money-saving ideas presented by Judi Spiers and Fred Harris. The guests include *Neighbours* star Anne Charleston.
3.50 Pigeon Street (r). **4.05 Wizbit** with Paul Daniels (r). **4.15 Touche Turtle 4.20 Jackanory.** Elaine R. Smith with part one of Emily Rodda's *The Best-Kept Secret* **4.35 Defenders of the Earth.** (Ceefax)
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter with ideas on how to turn old Christmas cards into "thank you" notes. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton
6.30 London Plus
7.00 Wogan
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs
8.00 Brush Strokes. Comedy series starring Karl Howman as a painter and decorator, in this episode starting up a business on his own account. (Ceefax)
8.30 Supersense. This week's edition of the wildlife series explores the animal kingdom's highly developed sense of smell. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: How Free is Britain? A survey of the current state of Britain's rights and liberties. Among the contributors are Lords Whitelaw, Hailsham, Jenkins and Scarman, Sir Hector Laing and Ronald Dworkin
10.10 Miami Vice. Crockett and Tubbs are shadowing a Cuban drugs dealer who is also being trailed by an East German intelligence agent.
11.00 See for Yourself. Philip Whitehead reports on BBC South and East (simultaneous broadcast with BBC Local Radio).
11.30 Electric Avenue. The eighth of 10 programmes on the world of computers
11.55 Weather

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.40 Daytime on Two: going to work **10.05** Japan's Tanabata festival **10.18** Music time **10.40** Thinkabout **10.58** Animals' mobility **11.20** Samba music **11.40** Information world **12.00** French for beginners **12.15** Appeasement **12.35** Growing up in today's Britain **1.00** Science in action
1.25 Postman Pat (r). **1.40 Landmarks.** Watching the weather
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures 2.15 Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax)
2.50 World Darts. The Embassy World Professional Championship. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
4.00 Catchword. Word game presented by Paul Coia **4.30 Behind the Screen.** The latest news about BBC television programmes **4.35 Country File** (r).
5.00 Film: The Lost Moment (1947, b/w) starring Susan Hayward and Robert Cummings. Drama, based on Henry James's *The Aspern Papers.* Directed by Martin Gabel
6.30 DEF II begins with **A-Z of Belief.** (see Choice) **7.00 Snuh.** A new alternative music series. Among those appearing are House of Love, Cookie Crew and Yello
7.30 100 Great Paintings (r).
7.40 The Education Programme: The Making of Miss Green. The progress of Sandra Green who, armed with a degree in physical science, decided on a career in teaching
8.10 Horizon: The Book of Man. (see Choice)
9.00 Film: Dusty (1982) starring Bill Kerr. Australian-made story of Tom, a farmhand who unwittingly buys a pup that is half dingo and teaches it to herd sheep. One day the dog disappears and Tom's sheep begin to go missing. Directed by John Richardson
10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather
11.20 World Darts. The Embassy World Professional Championship, introduced by Tony Gubba from the Lakeside Country Club, Surrey. Ends at **12.35am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News** and **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Rochford; **8.00 News; 9.00 News** and **After Nine** which includes an interview with the editor of *New Woman* magazine, Frankie McGowan
9.25 The Pyramid Game. A new series of the quiz show presented by Steve Jones. The guests are Pamela Armstrong and John Junkin **9.55 Thames news** and weather
10.00 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on Monday morning blues. The guests include two early risers — Radio 2 DJ Chris Stuart and TV-am's Jayne Irving
10.40 This Morning. Today's edition of the magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley includes advice on photography and coping with small gardens. Plus national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55**
12.10 Playbox with Pat Coombs and Keith Chegwin **12.30 A Country Practice.**
1.00 News at One 1.20 Thames news and weather
1.30 Snooker. The Mercantile Credit Classic from Norbreck Castle, Blackpool, presented by Tony Francis **3.25 Thames news** and weather **3.30 The Young Doctors.**
4.00 Five Minute Wonder. Gabrielle Bradshaw makes a Jack-in-the-box **4.05 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** (r). **4.20 The Real Ghostbusters.** The first of a new cartoon series
4.45 Supersonic Skywriters! Four young *The Early Times* reporters travel to Washington and New York **5.10 Snooker Update**
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers
5.45 News 6.00 Thames news and weather
6.30 Reporting London interviews the sports minister Colin Moynihan on the contentious issue of ID cards for football supporters
7.00 Wish You Were Here. . ? Judith Chalmers investigates package holidays to Marbella; Anneka Rice is on horseback in the Sierra Nevada; and John Carter explores Andalucia by car. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. A change of plans for Rita makes Alan nervous (Oracle)
8.00 Just for Laughs. A compilation of clips from British comedy films
8.30 World in Action. The results of a comprehensive opinion poll on women's fear of walking the streets alone
9.00 Minder: Days of Fines and Closures. Dave goes missing and Terry agrees to look after the Winchester Club in his absence — but Arthur needs him as a bouncer at a new night club's opening night. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten 10.30 Thames news and weather
10.35 The Nuclear Age. The second of a 12-part series on the history of the nuclear age
11.35 Snooker. Fourth round action in the Mercantile Credit Classic.
12.30am Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Man From the South. The story of a bizarre bet.
1.00 Sportsworld Extra. A US Skins golf match; and highlights of the weekend's European football
2.00 News followed by **Film: Broadway Serenade** (1939, b/w) starring Jeanette MacDonald and Lew Ayres. The story of the stormy marriage between a woman whose career is on the up and a man who is on his way down. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard
4.00 News followed by **60 Minutes.** Interviews and investigations from the United States.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

8.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
9.30 Schools
12.00 Six Centuries of Verse. Part one — Romantic Pioneers 1750-1805 (r).
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Reaching Agreement. Open College series on communication skills (r). (Oracle) **1.30 IT for the Terrified.** Information technology basics (r). (Oracle)
2.00 A Thousand and One Nights (1945) starring Cornel Wilde as Aladdin whose discovery of a magic lamp helps his courtship of Princess Amina. Directed by Alfred E. Green
3.45 Years Ahead. This week's edition of the magazine series for the older viewer includes a visit to the Wildfowl Trust; and an item on pigeon fancying. Presented by Robert Dougall
4.30 Countdown. The last semifinal of the words and numbers game
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show, hosted by Gay Byrne
6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series
6.30 Casting Off. The second of four comedy programmes about starting a co-operative business. (r). (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News
7.50 Comment followed by weather
8.00 Brookside. Harry prepares to propose to Betty. (Oracle)
8.30 Film: The Marva Collins Story (1981) starring Cicely Tyson. A true-life drama about a Chicago teacher who starts her own school in the city's depressed area. Directed by Peter Levin
10.25 Widows. Episode one of a six-part thriller about three women who undertake a security van robbery when their husbands are killed attempting a similar heist. Starring Ann Mitchell, Maureen O'Farrell and Fiona Hendley (r). (Oracle)
11.30 Film: Crows and Sparrows (1949, b/w). A drama from China about downtrodden Shanghai tenants and their battles with their landlord. Directed by Junli Zheng. Ends at **1.30am.**

Testaments of faith



Taking a fresh look at beliefs: the lead singer of the pop group Heartbeat, Sue Rinaldi (centre seated), defends her views and her approach to Christianity in A-Z of Belief (BBC2, 6.30pm)

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

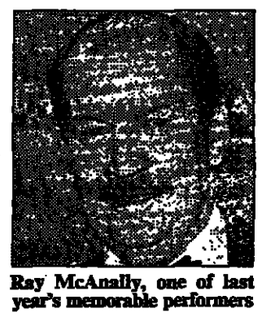
● The premise behind much of the output of the *Def II* slot is that the 16- to 24-year-olds at whom it is aimed will not bother to watch unless beaten into submission by sledgehammer images and unorthodox presentation. The latest programme to get the treatment is **A-Z of Belief** (BBC2, 6.30pm), a series devoted to such religious faiths as Buddhism, Mormonism and Krishna but also taking in the more secular creed of animal rights. Instead of conventional credit titles, each programme opens with a specially created piece of pop video-style animation which mounts a formidable 45-second assault on the eyes and ears. During the programme, a supporter of the particular belief defends it in the face of sceptical questioning from a panel of half a dozen young people. The usual way to stage this would be to get everyone into the studio and sit them comfortably on chairs. For *A-Z of Belief* the participants are gathered in a deserted mill in Belfast and made to stand throughout. The effect is like a pack of dogs snapping round a bone. To vary the angles, two mobile camera crews are used so that one of them is almost always in shot. Different it certainly is. Whether the packaging enhances the content, or swamps it, is a good point. Tonight's subject is New Churches, described as a fresh and exciting approach to Christianity in which groups meet in houses and discover new ways to worship. But if the approach is fresh, the attitudes are often traditional. Sue Rinaldi, lead singer of the pop group Heartbeat, does an impressive job defending what some of her questioners obviously feel are outdated views on sex before marriage, abortion and homosexuality.

● **Horizon** (BBC2, 8.10pm) returns for its 25th anniversary season with a report on the multinational project to understand the nature of genetic inheritance. With its usual sense of the dramatic, *Horizon* calls the attempt to decipher the 100,000 genes we inherit from our parents "the biological equivalent of the moon shot". But if the research now being carried on Britain, Japan and the United States is successful it may not only explain such relatively trivial matters as why people are colour blind or have red hair. Of greater importance is the chance to influence the course of 4,000 genetic diseases, such as Huntington's and cystic fibrosis. *Horizon* is celebrating its quarter century with a new departure: making available the transcripts of each programme in booklet form at a price of £1.75.

Just one man's meat?

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle



Ray McAnally, one of last year's memorable performers

● Before we get so far into 1989 that trying to recall what we heard on radio in 1988 becomes too great an effort, you might like to compare your cherished memories with mine. It is in no particular order as this is not a list of awards, just a vote of thanks from one grateful listener to the men and women who have kept my faith in radio alive during the year. Peter Bevan's adaptation of Laureus van der Post's **The Night of the New Moon** (Radio 4), directed with rare sensitivity by Richard Imison; Alexander Walker's shrewdly accurate portraits of movie "greats" in **Film Star** (Radio 4); Sue MacGregor's immaculate facts-eliciting technique in her interview series **Conversation Piece** (Radio 4); June Knox-Mawer's exhaustive archive-searching feature on Arthur Grimble, **Assignment with an Octopus** (Radio 4); Radio 3's and Radio 4's all-embracing Eugene O'Neill season, culminating in the three-and-a-half hour Radio 3 production of **The Iceman Cometh,** with its memorable central performance from Ray McAnally; Benny Green's tribute to Max Miller, **Maxie and a Lost Empire** (Radio 2), unmarred by a single showbusiness cliché; Don Taylor's narratively and intellectually spectacular serial about the English Civil War, **God's Revolution** (Radio 4); Sally Hardcastle's politically astute series about America in the years since President Kennedy's assassination, **From Sea to Shining Sea** (Radio 4); almost every interview about the cinema which Christopher Cook contributed to **Third Ear,** Radio 3's nightly arts spot which rightly demands a high level of intelligent preparedness from us; and Radio 4's terrific reconstruction of the "Reds under the bed" witch-hunts by the US Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950s.

● But, enough of the past. You can look to radio's future in **Call the Director-General** (Radio 4, 9.05am), a phone-in to the BBC's Michael Checkland. If you want to see what effect you are having on the man you are talking to, the same programme is also being broadcast on BBC1.



Ann Mitchell in a repeat run of Widows (C4, 10.25pm)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.20pm-7.00 Wales Today 11.00-11.30 See For Yourself 11.55-12.00 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Seall Seo! 6.20pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.10 Odyssey 10.40 Fiddle Music from the Signet 10.45 The Glass Engraver 11.00-11.30 See For Yourself — Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.30 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 Inside Ulster Update 11.00 See For Yourself 11.25-12.00 Electric Avenue ENGLAND: 6.20pm-7.00 Regional news magazines 11.00-11.30 See For Yourself regional reports

BBC2 WALES: 9.00pm The King of Instruments 9.30-10.00 Off to Philadelphia in the Morning

ANGLIA As London except: 12.20pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 About Anglia 6.30-7.00 Survival 12.30am Married with Children 2.00 The Fugitive 3.00-4.00 Chart Show

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bygones 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 12.30am Film: Asylum 2.05 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News 6.30-7.00 Home Run 12.30am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.30 Film: Breakfast at Tiffany's 3.25 Al Stewart 4.20-5.00 Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.05-3.30 Cartoon 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Review 88 12.30am Film: Kreskin's Quest 1.30 Cricket 2.25 I Spy 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Who's The Boss? 12.30am Film: Asylum 2.05 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20-1.00 News 6.00-7.00 News 12.30am Pick of the Week 1.00 Sportsworld Extra 2.00 Film: Broadway Serenade 4.00 A Week in the Life of 4.25 50 Years On 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 5.00-7.00pm Wales at Six

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20-1.30 News 3.27-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Consumer File 12.30am Film: Asylum 2.00 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.05-3.30 Action! 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 It's a Dog's Life 12.30am Film: Kreskin's Quest 1.30 Cricket 2.25 I Spy 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lifestyles 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 12.30am Film: Asylum 2.05 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Pick of the Box 1.20-1.30 Newsline 3.30-4.00 Glenroe 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ask Anne 12.30am Film: Asylum 2.05 Sportsweek 3.00 Three's Company 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 King of Pantomime 12.30am Film: Jealousy, Italian Style 2.20 Love, American Style

S4C Starts: 2.30pm Schools 12.10pm Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Lluniau Dydd Llun 1.00 Hand in Hand 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Film: Young Doctor Kildare 3.30 Not on Sunday 4.00 Beverly Hillbillies 4.30 Fifteen to One 5.00 Late Late Show 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Interlang 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Elinor A'R Ser 7.45 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Dogfennau Hel Straeon 9.35 Creole Gestalt 11.05 Film: Crows and Sparrows 1.30am Closedown

RTE 1 Starts: 2.30pm Mediterranean Cookery 3.00 'Lee' at Three 4.00 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 Upstairs Downstairs 5.30 Country Practice 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 No 1 7.30 Tom and Jerry 7.35 Taste of Ireland 8.05 Flying Doctors 9.00 News 9.30 Moonlighting 10.25 Hanly's People 10.55 Down the Tube 11.35 News, Closedown

NETWORK 2 Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 Smurfs 3.30 Bale Beag 3.40 Fabulous Fleischer Folio 3.50 Quentin's Magic Show 4.05 Heidi 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.50 Catweazle 5.25 Wonderstruck 6.00 Jo-Maxx 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuschi 7.05 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 American Football 9.00 Murphy Brown 9.30 War Reporters 10.30 Network News 10.50 Lizzie's Pictures 11.50 Closedown



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Radio 1

VHF stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm,** then at **10.30** and **12.30am**
5.30am Adrian John **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat with Simon Leach **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat with Simon Leach **5.45** The Chart Quiz of the Year with Mike Read **8.00** The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00am** Richard Skinner

Radio 2

VHF stereo
News on the hour
4.00am Alan Dedicoat **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.0** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.0** Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz on record **10.0** The Law Game **10.30** Cut off at the Fringe **11.0** Brian Matthew with Round Midnight **1.00am** Alex Lester with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00 World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News **7.30** Monarchs **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Five William Stories **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.00** News Summary **10.01** The Art of the Weatherman **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Health Matters **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15** Novel Ideas **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News **1.30** Monarchs **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** My Grandfather **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** A Question of Science **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Five William Stories **4.30** Health Matters **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Reuts Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** The Vintage Chart Shows **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Europe's World **9.30** Sports International **10.00** Newsnour **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** The Learning World **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Megamix **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Poems by Post **1.45** Europe's World **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** 845 News Headlines **5.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Overture to The Marriage of Camacho: Bamberg SO under Claus Peter Flor); Mahler (Ich atmet' einen linden Duft, Rückert Lieder: Berlin PO under Karl Böhm with Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 1 in E flat: Philharmonia under Alceo Galliera with Dennis Brain)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Sibelius (Night Ride and Sunrise: Philharmonia under Simon Rattle); Bellini (Son vergin vezosa, I Puritani: Monte Carlo PO under Nicola Rescigno with June Anderson, soprano); Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor: Bavarian RSO under Colin Davis)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: At the court of Mannheim. Johann Stamitz (Orchestral trio in C Op 1 No 1: Saar Radio CO under Karl Ristenpart); Franz Richter (Oboe Concerto in F: Kurpfalz CO under Wolfgang Hofmann with Lajos Lencsedi); Johann Stamitz (Symphony in A: Prague CO under Ulf Bjorlin)
9.25 Fresh Winds: Ibert (Cinq pièces en trio: English Reed Trio); Fauré (Suite from Masquest et bergamasques: Stan Davies, oboe, and Paul Searle-Barnes, piano); Dutilleux (Sonata for oboe and piano: Davies and Searle-Barnes); Suk (Serenade for Strings: Czech PO under Libor Pesek); Seiber (Improvisation: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Jean-Bernard Pommier, piano); Martinu (Quartre madrigaux: Bournemouth Sinfonietta); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 18 in B flat: Bournemouth Sinfonietta); Sporsak (Sonatine for wind trio); Chopin (Berceuse in D flat Op 57: Murray Perahia, piano); and Kalliwoda (Morceau de salon)
11.55 British and Shostakovich: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Edward Downes perform Britten's Our Hunting Fathers; and Shostakovich's Symphony No 1 in F minor. With Heather Harper (soprano)
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's Square, London. Gabrieli Quartet play Haydn's Quartet in E flat Op 64 No 6; and Ravel's Quartet in F
2.00 Music Weekly (r)
2.45 Music for Flute and Piano: Christopher Hyde-Smith (flute) and Jane Dodd (piano) play Roussel's Joueurs de flute Op 27; Louis Aubert's Madrigal; Philippe Gaubert's Madrigal; and Koechlin's 14 Chants Op 157 (r)
3.15 Bach at Weimar: Virginia Black (harpsichord) plays J S Bach's Toccata in G, Toccata in F minor, and Prelude and Fugue in A minor (r)
3.45 Youth Orchestras of the World: Aberdeen International Youth Festival Orchestra and Chorus perform Mendelssohn's Overture; Ye Spotted Snakes; Wedding March; Dance of the Clowns; Finale (A Midsummer Night's Dream); Vaughan Williams's In Windsor Forest; and Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet
5.00 Messiaen: Catalogue d'oiseaux: Book Two: Le Traquet stapazin (black-eared wheatear); Book Three: La Chouette hulotte (tawny owl); and L'alouette lulu (wood lark)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: With Edward Blakeman
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Mark Shivas, head of drama, BBC Television and David Rose, head of drama at Channel 4 Television, discuss the future of television drama
7.30 Schubert Ensemble: Martinu's Piano Quartet No 1; Beethoven's String Trio in G Op 9 No 1; and Fauré's Piano Quartet in C minor Op 15
8.55 Sabbioneta: Dream of an Ideal City: Caroline Elam reflects on this mysterious Renaissance new town (r)
9.15 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in Canada (new series): Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts Penderecki's Intermezzo; Gilles Tremblay's Katadrone (Contrecl); Lyell Creswell's Speak for Us Great Sea; and Stravinsky's Jeu de Cartes, a ballet in three deals
10.30 Britannia Triumphans: Parley of Instruments and New London Consort perform the consort music of Johann Hermann Schein from his collections *Venus Kräntzlein* and *Banchetto musicale*
11.00 Composers of the Week: Debussy (r)
12.00 News. Ends **12.05am**

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today: Presented by John Humphrys and Peter Hobday, incl **6.30, 7.0, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather
8.35 The Week on 4
8.42 Two Stories by Frank Tuohy: (1) The Palace of Culture. Read by Patrick Malahide (r) **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call the Director-General: An opportunity for listeners to put their questions to Michael Checkland. To participate telephone 01-580 4411. Simultaneous broadcast with BBC1 (see Choice)
10.00 News; Money Box: Louise Botting answers some more of your personal finance questions (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Between You and Me by Greg Snow. Read by Rosemary Martin
10.45 Daily Service from Ashley Lodge Eventide Home, Aberdeen
11.00 News; Down Your Way: Andrew Robert Buxton Cavendish, the Duke of Devonshire, visits the spa town of Buxton in Derbyshire, where he was mayor in the Fifties (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! Listeners poetry requests presented by Norman MacCaig and read by Diana Olsson and Henry Stamper
12.00 News; You and Yours examines the increase in testicular cancer
12.25 Round Britain Quiz: Irene Thomas and Eric Korn challenge Jack Jones and Bill Russell. Gordon Clough and Lous Allen preside **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: with James Naugrne
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes a feature on hysterectomies: a discussion on the benefits or otherwise of tourism — does it broaden the mind or narrow the vision?; a report on the problems of getting children to wash their hair; and a look at girls and computers by Celia Hoyles, professor of mathematics at the Institute of Education
3.00 News; Our Family: The Trains Don't Stop Here Any More by Victor Pemberton. A love story set in the first half of this century. Starring Nerys Hughes, Nigel Anthony, Wendy Richard and Sheila Grant (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: The history of the screenwriter (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (new series): The ad-lib panel game returns with Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Willie Rushton (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper reports on soft shell crawfish from Louisiana, shrimps from Morecambe Bay and King's Lynn, and carp for a Ukrainian Christmas feast
7.45 Science Now with Alun Lewis (r)
8.15 The Real McCoy: by John McKenzie, with Kerry Shale, William Hope and Brian Greene (s)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of Mike Leigh's first feature film, *High Hopes,* the story of two working-class socialists with *nouveau riche* relations and yuppie neighbours; and of Robert Hossein's production of *La Liberté ou la mort,* marking the bicentenary of the French Revolution
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy (16 of 20) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Room to Listen, Room to Talk: Last in Dr Tony Lake's guide to counselling and analysis examines what people get from therapy (r)
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as LW except: 11.00am-12.0 For Schools: **11.0** Contact **11.15** Don't Miss... What's Coming on School Radio **11.20** Let's Move **11.40** The Music Box **11.50** See for Yourself **1.55-3.0pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.5** Playtime **2.20** Science Scope **2.40** Whirligig **2.50** Let's Make a Story! **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Help Yourself: A-Level Chemistry

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'Defence key to Labour victory'

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Labour Party was warned yesterday that it risked a third general election defeat unless it produced a defence policy capable of winning broad backing in the party and country.

In a blunt message to the party, Mr Martin O'Neill, the shadow Defence Secretary, said the defence policy review was the last chance Labour had of getting its strategy right before the next election.

Mr O'Neill was speaking at a conference on defence and disarmament organized by the Fabian Society at which a pamphlet was produced suggesting a new strategy for Labour and an end to the "gunfire between so-called unilateralists and multilateralists".

In an article in today's *Times*, Mr O'Neill welcomes the pamphlet as "useful" to the debate on Labour's defence policy.

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He admits that the party is still not seen as serious about defence because it causes disunity, and a non-nuclear policy is "regarded by many people as betraying Britain and rendering us defenceless".

In his speech to the conference in Oxford, Mr O'Neill said: "Labour will have to decide on how it will realize its own ambitions for a non-nuclear Britain. Whether we do it on our own or by joint negotiation, this will not be achieved overnight.

In a clear message to the party's hard left unilateralists Mr O'Neill said: "The withdrawal of the US nuclear facilities from Britain will not add one jot or comma to the safety of Europe or these islands if withdrawal simply means transfer to Belgium or the Netherlands."

And he advised the party of the political reality it faces in constructing a policy that would be convincing to the electorate. "The so-called British independent deterrent does not enhance the defence of this country. But sadly our people still need convincing that its removal will do anything but make Britain safe."

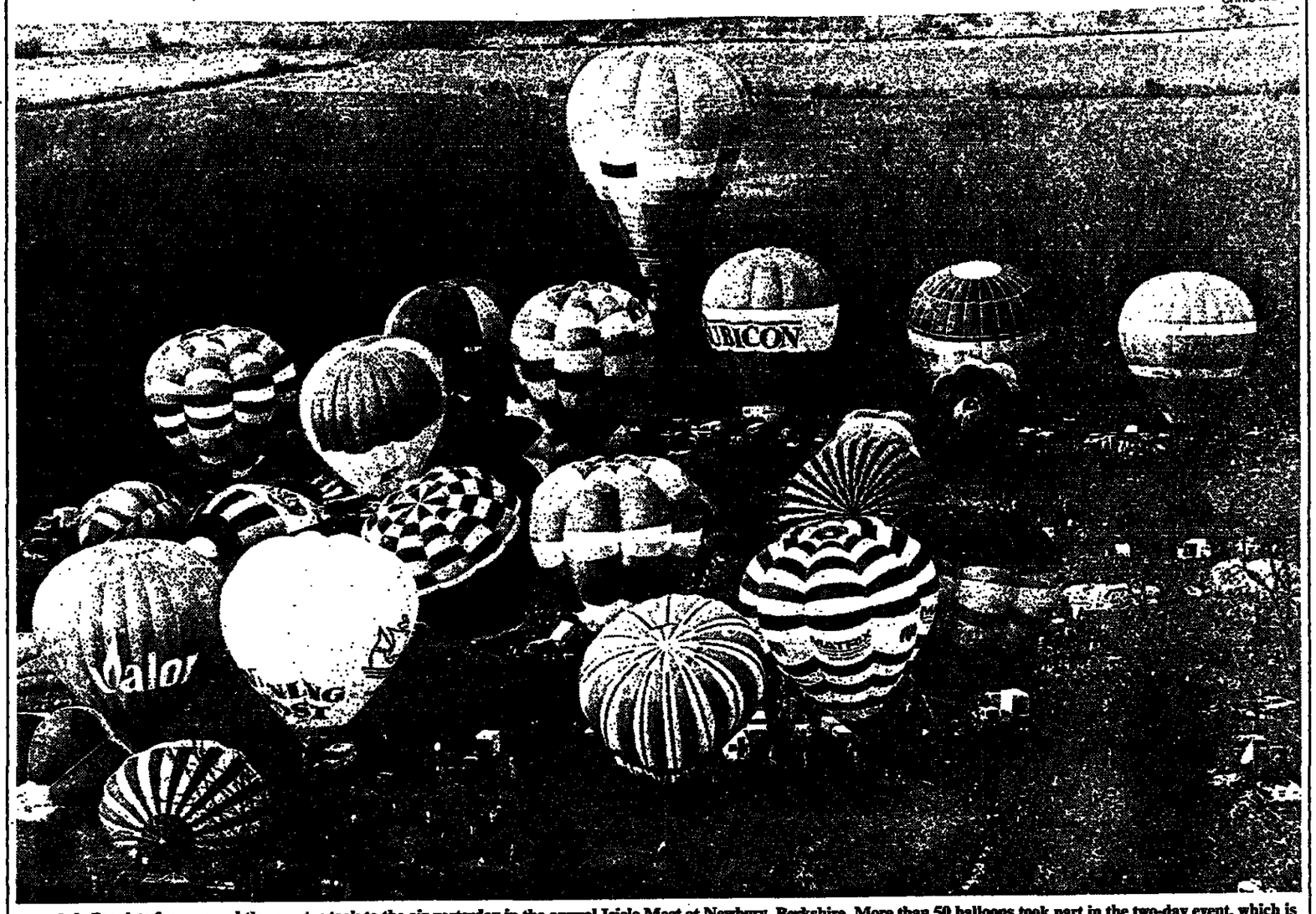
The new pamphlet, written by a former adviser to Mr Denis Healey, the former deputy leader, and advisers to Labour's front bench defence team and Mr John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor, will be seen as an attempt to sound out party attitudes on defence.

Working for Common Security proposes that Labour should put Britain's Trident nuclear submarines into the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) rather than scrap them unilaterally.

Alternatively it suggests Labour could begin bilateral talks with the Soviet Union. Both these are options likely to be discussed when a Labour team flies to Moscow this month.

Hot air balloonists make a wintry point

CHRIS HARRIS



Hot air balloonists from around the country took to the air yesterday in the annual Icicle Meet at Newbury, Berkshire. More than 50 balloons took part in the two-day event, which is aimed to prove that ballooning is not a summer-only pursuit. One entrant was a basketless model beneath which the pilot was suspended in harness with a back-pack fuel tank and burner.

Soviet economy reaches new low

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tremely burdensome legacy" of the Brezhnev era for continuing budget strains. The drop in the price of oil had led to losses of £37 billion between 1985 and 1988. The nine-year war in Afghanistan had also caused "heavy spending", he said. In addition, immense losses were caused by the Chernobyl nuclear accident in 1986 and the Armenian earthquake last month.

He also revealed that his own disastrous three-year-old anti-alcohol campaign, which quietly ended at the end of last year, has cost £49 billion in tax revenue.

Before the Armenian earthquake, the Soviet budget deficit for 1989 was projected as £39 billion.

Mr Gorbachov's admission will come as no surprise to Soviet citizens who have spent the New Year bemoaning the lack of sweets and coffee and continuing shortages of such essentials as soap and washing powder.

But the Soviet leader refused to admit that his policies were to blame for the queues and emphasized "*perestroika* is extremely necessary".

Acknowledging that public opinion was turning against *perestroika* in the face of the lack of improvement in everyday life, the Soviet leader denounced people "nostalgic for the good old days" who wanted to see the return of an "iron man" such as Stalin who would put things right.

Gorbachov's speech, delivered to an audience comprising ardent reformists and unrepentant conservatives, was a sign of the deep turmoil persisting within the Communist Party as he tries to steer a middle path for reform by asserting that he is not abandoning communism while denouncing those who "try to force the pace of *perestroika*".

Some intellectuals have voiced alarm recently over what they see as a reversal for *perestroika*. They point to new restrictions on private cooperatives, diminishing *glasnost* and a creeping price reform, which, according to officials, has not yet been adopted.

Mr Gorbachov dismissed as "irresponsible speculation" the suggestion that the price increases had already been set in motion.

Nevertheless, the rumour has led to a rush on furniture, television sets and electrical appliances in anticipation of the price rises.

At such a crucial time for his reform, it is uncertain that Mr Gorbachov's speech will have much effect on morale.

As he admitted, much of the population are still resisting the reform, notably in the agricultural sector which was to have spearheaded the drive to solve the country's food supply by long-term leases on land.

The main message that the Soviet people will retain from Mr Gorbachov's speech is that more tough times are ahead.

New consultants to lose life-long NHS contracts

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and ultimately to dismiss consultants who failed to pull their weight. The White Paper is also expected to allow hospitals which "opt out" to employ consultants directly.

The review team rejected any comprehensive overhaul of existing consultants contracts, but the White Paper will underline the need for greater management control of these contracts. Health service managers will be encouraged to "negotiate" new and more flexible contracts with their consultants and to enforce contracts when doctors fail to adhere to them.

Managers are also likely to have a say in consultant appointments, which, at the moment, are mainly at the behest of the medical profession, and in the allocation of merit awards. These awards, worth between £6,000 and £33,000 a year and given by the Secretary of State for Health, are now based on the recommendations of fellow consultants and apply for life. However, under the new proposals, the awards would be reviewed regularly and linked much more to NHS work.

Government sources said yesterday that nobody knew how many doctors were not fulfilling their contracts so it was impossible to judge the extent of the problem. However, the British Medical Association maintains that less than 10 per cent of consultants do less than the work they are meant to while 70 per cent exceed their contracts.

Forty-six per cent of NHS consultants have full-time contracts which require them to work 38.5 hours a week, but can earn up to a further 10 per cent of their salaries from private practice carried out in their own time. A third of consultants have maximum part-time contracts and are paid 10/11ths of the full-time salary, which averages £30,000. They have to work 35 hours a week for the NHS but can do as much private work as they wish in their own time. Dr Paddy Ross, chairman of the BMA consultants' committee last night attacked the proposals. He said every consultant should be entitled to a job for life unless he or she breaches the contract. "Consultants have already spent 12-14 years switching jobs as junior doctors and it takes years to build up relationships with local GPs."

Dr Ross agreed, however, that the job description could be subject to regular review. "The job content associated with the contracts could be varied, subject to mutual agreement, every few years", he said.

● Greater controls on doctors, and an end to restrictive practices are also backed today in a publication from the Institute of Economic Affairs.

The institute says that reform of professional restrictions imposed by British doctors is long overdue and calls on the Government to "clip the wings" of the BMA.

It says there should be much more competition between doctors, who should be expected to advertise their services.

American Care: What are the Lessons for Britain? (IEA Health Unit, 2 Lord North St, London SW1P 3LB; £5.95).

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Call to beat foreign threat to GEC

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tial cash sum for their GEC shares plus the opportunity to participate in the future of the group through ownership of shareholdings in Sir John Cuckney's new company, Metsun.

Even when main parts of the group have been sold off, a substantial portion of the group will be retained under the Metsun umbrella. That is likely to include key parts of the defence business, which generates sales of £1 billion a year.

There was little support last night among backbench Conservative MPs for GEC's recent record or management with several suggesting it would be better for the organization to be split into smaller parts.

Mr Michael Grylls, chairman of the Conservative backbench trade and industry committee, said: "The top direction of GEC has been very lacklustre for a company that has some extremely dynamic constituent parts. The conclusion must be to cut off the head and let the constituent parts float." Labour called for quick action from Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on trade and industry, said: "You cannot leave questions about the ownership of such a company to the vagaries of boardroom dealing, sharedealing and who employs the cleverest merchant bank.

"The Government must see that this proposal throws the whole of the British electronics industry into the melting pot and should stand back so we get a breathing space to decide the future shape of the industry".

None of the members of the proposed consortium has yet taken shares in the new company headed by Sir John Cuckney.

Sir John Cuckney insisted on the plan being disclosed late on Friday night after a flurry of stock market activity during which 16 million GEC shares were traded.

Funeral row fears

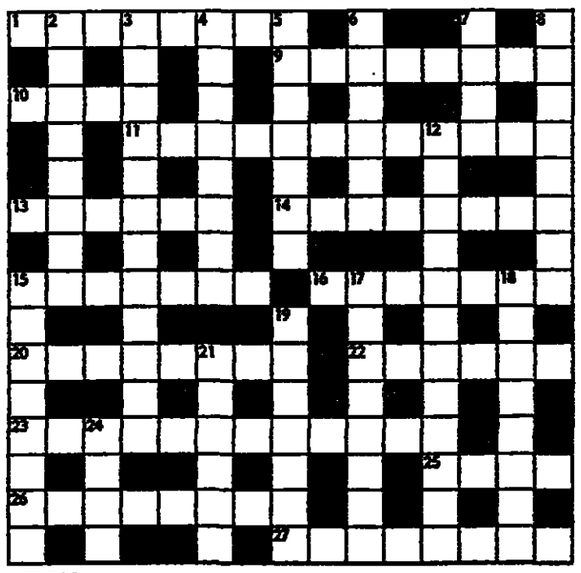
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the era that marked his 63-year reign of Showa, which means enlightened harmony. Henceforth he will be known as Emperor Showa. The new era, which began yesterday, has been named Heisei, translated as "achievement of universal peace".

The six-week wait for the funeral is in line with the traditions of Shinto. Although Shintoism is no longer the state religion, it is still the one that governs all private rituals of the imperial family. But the Government is nervous that the long wait will offer time for arguments to grow about whether the state should be taking part in, let alone pay for, an essentially religious funeral. Ministers are on the defensive over a prickly issue.

Mr Keizo Obuchi, the Chief Cabinet Secretary, said he saw no problem in conducting the funeral as a "matter of state" and that it would be held in line with constitutional principles and imperial traditions. It is a Japanese sort of compromise.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,874



ACROSS

1 Convolvulus is a nuisance, you and I would say (8).
9 Continental princess adopts English name (8).
10 Female education administrators make this six-footer jumpy (4).
11 It may not be stationery, so-called, but it is used for communications (6-6).
13 The disposition of a French marshal when a child? (6).
14 Hear a gun, maybe, so speak loudly (8).
15 Rebuffed for rejecting food and sleeping accommodation (7).
16 Honest music-maker (7).
20 Steps taken by godly queen introducing an interdict (8).
22 They illuminate the answers (6).
23 A pugnacious type somehow wielded power without it (12).
25 *Union leader embraced by* member in the plant (4).
26 No information about it reacting initially to gas (8).
27 Man capturing wild animal nearly fell (8).

DOWN

2 Old language harsh to your Scotsman (8).
3 A backer of plans proving attractive to the committee? (7-5).
4 Staff member's gambit, dividing half of them with ease, say (8).
5 Notes on one of 22 give great pleasure (7).
6 Literary person's observance in an old area of Yorkshire (6).
7 Part of the ship where Jacks are found (4).
8 Involve popular king in international match (8).
12 Student also gets a gin sling, coming ashore here (7-5).
15 Devious Chinese dynasty supporting southern revolutionary (8).
17 College obtained about fifty, translated into many languages (8).
18 Wearing stockings, you once put your bloomers here (8).
19 Spectacle makes us gasp? About time (7).
21 Become known for introduction of electrical fuse (6).
24 Charge that may have to be paid (4).

Puzzle, in angry speech (nine letters), page 9

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

NURDLE
a. A wally
b. To score slowly at cricket
c. To hobble a horse

RAIK
a. A journey
b. A lubricious gallant
c. A Turkish brigand

OCCAMY
a. Imitation silver
b. A children's singing game
c. A pungent medicinal herb

FEAGUE
a. The broad bean
b. To weary or vex
c. To whip

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,873 will appear next Saturday

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WEATHER

A cold front will move erratically southeast across England and Wales. Most of England and Wales will have a cloudy day with widespread hill and coastal fog and rain or drizzle at times especially in the north and west. Eastern and southern parts may well start mostly dry but the rain will spread steadily southeast during the day followed by drier brighter weather into the north. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a showery day.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.8	-	11	52	bright
Bridlington	1.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Hunstanton	0.7	-	10	50	cloudy
Cromer	0.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Clacton	-	.01	10	50	cloudy
Worthing	-	-	10	50	dull
Littlehampton	-	.46	10	50	cloudy
Bognor R	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	11	52	drizzle
Shanklin	-	-	10	50	drizzle
Bournemth	-	-	10	50	drizzle
Poole	-	-	11	52	drizzle
Swanage	-	-	11	52	drizzle
Weymouth	-	.01	10	50	drizzle
Exmouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	2.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Penzance	1.7	-	12	54	drizzle
Scilly Isles	-	.03	11	52	dull
Jersey	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Leeds	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
London	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Manchester	-	.06	10	50	cloudy
N'cstl-o-Tyne	1.1	-	11	52	drizzle
Nottingham	-	-	10	50	drizzle
Anglesey	-	.02	11	52	cloudy
Cardiff (Cst)	-	.01	10	50	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	4.2	-	13	55	bright
Tenby	-	.04	10	50	drizzle
Aberdeen	4.7	-	12	54	sunny
Aviemore	4.8	-	10	50	sunny
Edinburgh	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	.06	9	48	rain
Glasgow	0.3	.01	12	54	rain
Kinloss	5.1	-	10	50	sunny
Lerwick	0.3	.19	10	50	shower
Prestwick	0.1	-	11	52	drizzle
Stornoway	2.9	.01	10	50	drizzle
Tiree	2.4	.10	10	50	rain
Wick	4.8	-	9	48	sunny
Belfast	-	-	11	52	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.36	7.0	3.03	7.2
Aberdeen	2.11	4.2	2.11	4.4
Avonmouth	8.11	13.0	8.34	13.0
Belfast	11.47	3.7	----	---
Cardiff	7.56	12.0	8.19	12.0
Devonport	6.51	5.6	7.18	5.4
Dover	11.53	6.5	----	---
Falmouth	6.21	5.4	6.48	5.2
Glasgow	1.24	4.6	1.38	4.9
Harwich	12.25	3.7	12.53	3.9
Holyhead	11.09	5.7	11.37	5.4
Hull	7.16	7.2	7.24	7.5
Lowestoft	10.30	2.3	10.26	2.5
Margate	12.41	4.7	1.10	4.7
Milford Haven	7.09	7.1	7.35	6.9
Newquay	5.59	7.1	6.23	6.9
Oban	6.40	4.1	7.02	3.9
Penzance	5.49	5.7	6.18	5.5
Portland	7.57	2.3	8.28	2.1
Portsmouth	12.04	4.3	12.16	4.6
Shoreham	----	---	12.04	6.2
Southampton	11.48	4.5	----	---
Stornoway	7.14	9.5	7.37	9.3
Tees	4.33	5.3	4.38	5.6
W'tlsea-on-Sea	12.15	4.0	12.45	4.1

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are GMT

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F		C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	f	Malaga	17	63	s
Alex'dria	15	59	f	Malta	13	54	c
Amst'dm	10	50	d	Melb'rne	19	66	c
Athens	13	55	s	Mexico C	18	68	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Miami	25	77	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Milan	0	32	c
Barcelna	8	46	f	Montreal	-14	7	sn
Belgrade	-4	25	c	Munich	5	41	r
Bermuda	18	64	c	Naples	11	52	s
Biarritz	11	52	r	N York	-4	25	sn
Borde'x	10	50	c	Nice	9	48	f
Brussels	9	48	c	Oslo	-3	27	c
B Aires	36	97	f	Paris	10	50	c
Cairo	15	59	s	Peking	0	32	sn
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Perth	19	66	r
Chicago	2	36	c	Reykjvik	1	34	sn
Christchurch	20	68	f	Rio de J	28	82	c
Cologne	9	48	d	Riyadh	12	54	s
Corfu	12	54	s	Salzburg	2	36	sl
Dubrovnik	7	45	f	Santiago	26	79	s
Faro	14	57	s	Seoul	7	45	c
Florence	6	43	c	St'kholm	0	32	s
Funchal	17	63	f	Sydney	21	70	ch
Gibraltar	18	61	f	Tangier	14	57	f
Hong K	17	63	r	Tenerife	19	66	s
Istanbul	8	46	s	Tokyo	11	52	s
Jo'burg	24	75	f	Tunis	13	55	f
L Palmas	20	68	f	Vanc'ver	2	36	c
Lisbon	15	59	c	Venice	0	32	f
L Angels	11	52	s	Vienna	-3	27	sn
Luxor	18	64	s	Wash'ton	2	36	r
Madrid	3	37	f	Zurich	4	39	c

These are Friday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.14	2.02
Austria Sch	23.60	22.20
Belgium Fr	70.55	66.95
Canada $	2.21	2.09
Denmark Kr	13.85	12.25
Finland Mrk	7.84	7.44
France Fr	11.38	10.78
Germany Dm	3.35	3.17
Greece Dr	297.00	271.00
Hong Kong $	14.37	13.62
Ireland Pt	1.246	1.185
Italy Lire	2460.00	2330.00
Japan Yen	240.00	224.00
Netherlands Gld	3.78	3.58
Norway Kr	12.23	11.63
Portugal Esc	273.50	258.50
South Africa Rd	4.90	4.40
Spain Pta	210.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	11.48	10.88
Switzerland Fr	2.85	2.70
Turkey Lire	3660.00	3660.00
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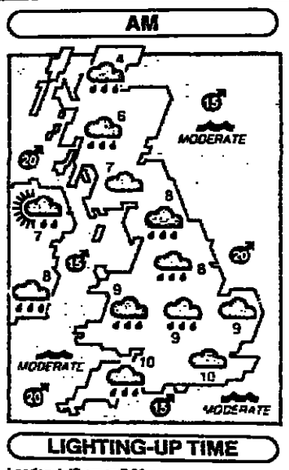
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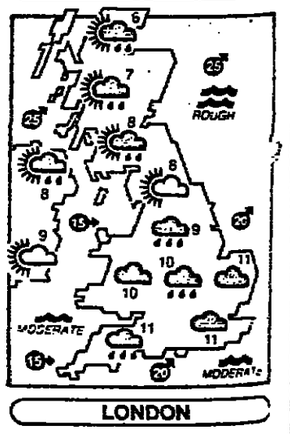
London: The FT Index closed up 8.8 at 1491.3.

New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed up 4.62 at 2196.36.

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.42 pm to 7.33 am
Bristol 4.52 pm to 7.43 am
Edinburgh 4.31 pm to 8.09 am
Manchester 4.41 pm to 7.51 am
Penzance 5.10 pm to 7.49 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: ; lowest day max: , highest rainfall in; highest sunshine: hr.

Saturday: Highest day temp: , lowest day max: ; highest rainfall: in, highest sunshine: hr.

MANCHESTER

Friday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05 ins. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

Sun rises: 8.04 am — Sun sets: 4.12 pm
Moon rises: 5.21 pm — Moon sets: 9.27 am
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LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C(52F); min 6 pm to 6 am 9C(48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, .16ins. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, Nil Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022.6 millibars, falling.

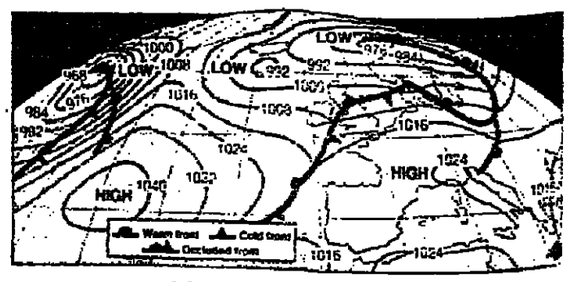
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; d, fog; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Belfast	7	45	r	Guernsey	10	50	f
B'ringham	5	41	r	Inverness	5	41	r
Blackpool	6	43	r	Jersey	9	48	f
Bristol	7	45	c	London	7	45	r
Cardiff	8	46	r	M'chester	6	41	r
Edinburgh	5	41	c	Newcastle	5	41	r
Glasgow	6	43	r	R'caldeasy	9	48	r

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USM (Datastream) 148.36 (+0.98)	Exchange index 97.4

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Ladbroke buys $41m racecourse

Ladbroke Group has stepped up its expansion programme in the US through the $41 million (£23 million) acquisition of the Golden Gate Fields racecourse in San Francisco.

The deal follows the group's recent acquisition of The Meadows race track in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The acquisitions came as a result of legislation passed by both states to legalize off-track betting (OTB). However, licences will be confined to owners of race tracks, which primarily explains Ladbroke's interest in US racecourses.

Golden Gate Fields had a turnover of about $350 million last year.

Mr Peter George, chairman of Ladbroke Racing, said: "The acquisition of Golden Gate Fields in Amercia's largest and most prosperous state establishes Ladbroke as a major player in the burgeoning US off-track betting market."

Golden Gate and Bay Meadows, the other main race track in northern California, operate 22-week thoroughbred racing programmes, five days a week. Both racecourses also screen each other's programmes live via satellite.

Last March Ladbroke was awarded the licence to conduct betting operations in Wyoming, which marked the first such licence being granted to a British operator.

Wardle says bid is final

Wardle Storeys has declared its offer for Armstrong Equipment, the Yorkshire shock absorber and industrial fastenings group, final. The deadline for raising the bid expired on Saturday.

Mr Brian Taylor, managing director of Wardle, said the decision came as a result of Armstrong's disappointing profit forecast last week, which revealed a surprise £1.5 million charge to cover its pension fund holiday.

He said: "Our offer fully values the company, particulary if one keeps in mind that it represents the highest price-earnings ratio paid in this industry for over a decade." The offer values the company at about twice the sector average of 7.3.

This met with an angry response from Mr Roy Watts, chairman of Armstrong. "Armstrong is forecasting an increase in profits in the second half of 1988-89 of approximately 150 per cent."

"Our shareholders currently hold shares in a leading UK independent automotive company with strong management and excellent prospects. Why should they have to forfeit their investment in return for shares in a company in the chemicals sector plus cash on which they may be liable for capital gains tax?" he said.

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Pillsbury chief

Mr Ian Martin, head of Grand Metropolitan's food division, arrives in Minneapolis today as the new chief executive of the Pillsbury group, taken over by GrandMet after a $6.5 billion (£3.6 billion) bid battle.

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MB terms

MB Group, the former Metal Box, is posting a circular to shareholders today, explaining the terms of the proposed merger of its packaging interests with Carnaud, the French packaging group.

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Dull financial performance could make friends hard to find

GEC faces tough takeover fight

By Colin Campbell

General Electric Company (GEC), led for the past two decades by Lord Weinstock, faces an uphill battle to fight off the proposed takeover bid disclosed at the weekend by a consortium of international companies and Sir John Cuckney's newly formed Metsun group, City analysts say.

GEC shares, which rose 13p last week to 202p – within a whisker of their year's high – are poised to trade sharply higher when the Stock Exchange opens this morning as speculation mounts that the opening shot for GEC would have to be at least 250p a share, valuing the diversified electronics group at more than £7 billion. It would be Britain's biggest ever takeover bid.

GEC has a stock market valuation of £5.4 billion and last financial year reported sales of £5.5 billion and pre-tax profits of £708 million.

Consortium members include Plessey and the French-controlled Thomson-CSF group. Plessey yesterday said it had "absolutely no comment".

Other likely bid partners include Britain's STC and AT & T, the United States telecommunciations combine. Sir John is, at present, the only shareholder in the bid vehicle, Metsun Limited.

GEC is in the middle of its own £1.7 billion bid battle for Plessey. If GEC is seriously threatened, Siemens, its West German partner in the Plessey bid, could come in as its white knight.

GEC yesterday dismissed what it called a "vague and inconclusive statement" about a possible offer which contained no actual names. "This appears to be a self-interested attempt by the board of Plessey and its advisers to form a consortium to break up the GEC and thereby save Plessey . . ." the statement said.

City institutions have long regarded GEC as a takeover waiting to happen, and are unlikely to fall over themselves to help it stay independent because of its financial record and share price performance.

Mr Stephen Parker of UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, recently gave warning that time was running out for GEC. "Over the next two years, either GEC must make a number of strategic moves to improve its earnings outlook, or it could fall victim to a bid. For a predator, the attraction of GEC is its cash and the hefty discount to realizable asset value." He advised in October: "Unless investors recognize the underlying value of GEC's assets now, they run the risk of being caught when the trigger is eventually pulled."

GEC has in recent years come in for mounting investment criticism. The compound growth in net earnings over the past five years has been a meagre 1 per cent, and the group has been slow in employing its cash mountain, estimated at £1.4 billion.

Lord Weinstock admitted to analysts last June that GEC had been too restrictive in its dividend policy, and would be more generous.

GEC said yesterday it had been aware "for some weeks" that Barclays Bank – of which GEC's chairman Lord Prior was a director until his weekend resignation – had been trying to arrange £3.5 billion as part of a financial package to help stage a multi-million pound takeover. It was, therefore, not totally surprised by Saturday's statement from Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank advising the consortium.

In a retaliatory move GEC closed its accounts with Barclays. Barclays, according to GEC, had earlier given its assurance that market rumours that it was arranging finance for a hostile bid were untrue.

GEC's detective work suggesting that Barclays was playing a hand in marshalling funds to mount a bid led to Friday's decision to withdraw its massive cash piles, and in turn the resignation of Lord Prior.

Lazards insists its statement was made solely because the circle of interested consortium parties was widening, and to pre-empt further Stock Exchange speculation in GEC shares.

Meanwhile, GEC is determined to pursue its bid for Plessey.

Siemens could be a white knight

By Wolfgang Münchau

Siemens, GEC's partner in the bid for Plessey, has emerged as the most likely white knight for GEC if the consortium bid emerges and is deemed politically acceptable.

Both companies are already linked through numerous joint ventures, including the Osram-GEC lighting business.

Ironically, if Siemens came to the rescue and mounted its own friendly bid for GEC, both GEC and Plessey could end up in West German hands, the British government and the European Commission permitting.

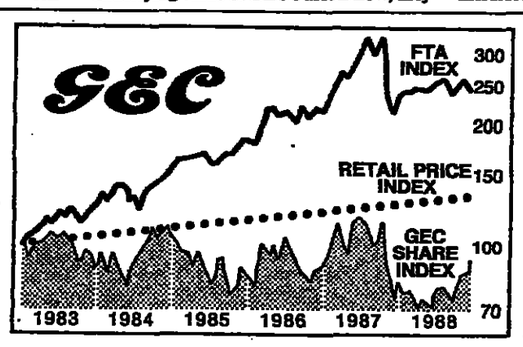
Such a move would be consistent with the declaration in *The Times* on Saturday by Dr Andreas Zimmermann, the director of corporate strategy, that Britain takes a high priority in Siemens's preparation for 1992.

Siemens has many similarities to GEC but on a larger scale. It has net cash resources of DM23 billion (£7 billion), but about half is the capital of its internal pension fund.

A complicated merger agreement would be more likely than a takeover, not least for political reasons. This could involve pooling operations in a joint company in such a way that GEC is able to pay back large sums, to shareholders.

A Siemens spokesman declined to comment on the possibility of such a joint venture, but the consortium bid has not taken Siemens greatly by surprise. It is also understood that Dr Karlheinz Kaske, Siemens' chief executive, and Lord Weinstock have been in touch ever since they first met in August to discuss the bid for Plessey.





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GEC AT A GLANCE

Electronic systems: Sales £2.137 billion. Profit £209 million. Estimated value £1.8 billion. Includes: Marconi defence electronics and components, GEC avionics, Yarrow naval shipbuilders.

Telecommunications: Sales £732 million. Profit £102 million. Estimated value £726 million. Now merged with Plessey operations as half share of GPT.

Automation and control: Sales £551 million. Profits £46 million. Estimated value £240 million. Includes: Avery weighing machinery, Gilbarco and Avery-Hardoll garage pumps and systems, GEC Traffic Automation.

Medical equipment: Sales £367 million. Profit £21 million. Estimated value £112 million. Includes Picker International scanners (1,000 sold).

Power generation: Sales £524 million. Profit £56 million. Estimated value £396 million. Includes: power station turbines (one of world's biggest exporters), Ruston gas turbines, GEC and Ruston Diesels and Paxman diesels for ships.

Electrical equipment: Sales £734 million. Profits £58 million. Estimated value £418 million. Includes: Railway locomotives, power and signalling systems, power cables, wire, switchgear and transformers, Nightstor electric central heating boilers, Express lifts.

Consumer products: Sales £582 million. Profits £60 million. Estimated value £507 million. Includes: Hotpoint and Creda domestic appliances, electric fires, Redring kettles and showers, Xpelair fans, Osram lighting.

Distribution and trading: Sales £192 million. Profits £12 million. Includes: subsidiaries in Far East, Australasia and Africa.

Investments: Net profit £132 million. Includes £1.4 billion cash and investments in associate companies worth £100 million.

Figures for year to March 31, 1988. Value estimates from UBS Phillips & Drew.

Squaring up for a battle: Sir John Cuckney head of Metsun, the consortium's bid vehicle and Lord Weinstock, the managing director of GEC

Barclays role takes BZW by surprise

By Our City Staff

The involvement of Barclays Bank, which is understood to hold more than £100 million of GEC deposits, has surprised Barclays de Zoete Wedd, its corporate finance and securities arm, almost as much as GEC over the bank's role in backing a possible bid for the latter.

BZW is joint broker to GEC and is acting as such in the GEC/Siemens bid for Plessey.

BZW's corporate finance arm was taken completely by surprise by the actions of its parent bank. That shows that secrecy was correctly maintained between the two separate divisions but underlines the conflicts caused in relations between leading companies and financial groups.

GEC has claimed that it had been assured that Barclays was not financing a bid before Lord Prior discovered the bank's involvement on Friday night from Barclays chairman, Mr John Quinton, precipitating his intended resignation from Barclays board.

If GEC/Siemens decided to sack BZW, this would mark a clear setback for the merchant banking divisions owned by the large commercial banks.

Defence implications need careful examination

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Ministry of Defence officials greeted the possible bid for GEC with considerable surprise. They have been watching with increasing interest GEC's second attempt to swallow its defence rival Plessey.

If the announcement over the weekend indicates a genuine attempt to buy GEC, ending its domination of the British electronics industry, the full defence implications will have to be carefully studied.

But according to Whitehall sources, ministers today view with far less concern the prospect of a British company being purchased by a consortium that has a significant foreign element.

That is why the GEC-Siemens bid for Plessey was looked at in a different light from GEC's unsuccessful take-over attempt in 1986.

International consortia, especially those which have a strong European membership capable of taking on the American giants in the competitive market, are seen as the way ahead, partly because of the increased chance of collaboration between Nato partners on important projects.

The fact that the European option was rejected by the Government in the Westland helicopter crisis three years ago and that Sir John Cuckney, chairman of Westland, is putting together the new bid for GEC underlines both the irony of the situation and the changing attitude of the Government.

GEC, with its huge Marconi subsidiaries, is second only to British Aerospace in its dealings with the MoD. The Marconi companies are involved in a vast range of military programmes.

GEC Avionics is competing for a main share in the avionics systems for the collaborative European Fighter Aircraft project. Yarrow Shipbuilders, bought by GEC, is building two Type 23 frigates for the Royal Navy.

London debut for Japanese bank

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank of Japan, which claims to be the world's largest bank with a capital of about £40 billion, has gained a listing on the London Stock Exchange. Dealings begin today.

DKB said it was part of a policy to enhance its position as an international financial institution and to provide greater fund raising flexibility.

DKB is one of several Japanese banks seeking a London listing. Mitsubishi Bank recently gained one, while Sumitomo is expected to be listed here by mid-January. Japanese banks are also looking for listings on other European exchanges. DKB shares are already quoted on the Amsterdam stock exchange.

Japan's financial markets will reopen for business today, after cancellation of Saturday's session following the death of Emperor Hirohito.

These moves are widely regarded among Western bankers as part of a policy of familiarization with Europe by Japanese institutions in the run-up to 1992.

Firms not awake to 1992 says CBI

By Our City Staff

The vast majority of the 12,000 British companies with sales of more than £10 million are taking little effective action to plan for the Single European Market after 1992, the Confederation of British Industry claims.

Mr John Owens, deputy director general of the CBI, said: "Nearly 10,000 British companies are sleep-walking towards 1992. Many of them will go out of business in the early nineties unless they start preparing now."

A sample survey revealed:

- 80 per cent are not reviewing their strategy.
- 90 per cent are not undertaking market research on the Continent.
- 93 per cent are not taking initiatives to train employees in continental languages.
- 95 per cent do not have sales agents in the rest of the EEC, and only one in 100 is opening any new manufacturing plants on the Continent.

The CBI's survey was made in advance of its nationwide 1992 roadshow which will start in London on Thursday and tour 16 other locations in England, Scotland and Wales and Northern Ireland.

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£500 payments made as 'gesture of goodwill'

LHW offers compensation to clients

By Tony Hetherington

LHW Futures, the controversial commodity investment company which is now trading under the name Burgon Hall, has offered *ex gratia* payments to an undisclosed number of readers of *The Times* who were clients of the firm when it was notorious for charging excessive commission and for "churning" – repeatedly investing clients' funds in loss-making deals in order to generate commission.

The move follows a claim to *The Times* by Mr Clive Thornton, the chairman of Burgon Hall, that all complaints against LHW had now been thoroughly examined.

At least 30 readers are known to have written to Mr Thornton contesting his statement.

Mr Roy Bagguley of Ormskirk in Lancashire, a housebound invalid, was subjected to persistent cold-calling by LHW salesmen three years ago. "I still find it hard to believe that I was persuaded to invest, but they really were skilful liars," he says.

Mr Bagguley, who lost £1,964 with LHW, has now been offered £500 compensation.

In a letter to Mr Bagguley, Mr Thornton says he "can find no evidence of any wrongdoing" by LHW, but is prepared to offer £500 "as a gesture of goodwill."

An identical letter, also offering £500, has been received by Mr George Vincent of Billingham in Cleveland. He was telephoned repeatedly at home and at work by LHW until he invested £1,500 in a currency futures contract which proved a total loss.

Later, during his absence abroad on business, LHW regularly telephoned his wife, putting pressure on her to invest in further currency deals.

"It was clear that LHW was not interested in any speculation which lasted more than a few days," he claims. "They wanted pretty well continual change. I am going to write a rather polite letter saying I think their offer is inadequate."

Mr Vincent added that he would also contact the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers to oppose Burgon Hall's latest application for authorization under the Financial Services Act.

LHW was rejected by the AFBD, which meets on January 19 to consider Burgon Hall's request for membership. The firm currently operates with interim authorization pending a final decision.

Mr Brian Edgeley, Burgon Hall's deputy chairman, denied this weekend that the *ex gratia* payments were part of a clean-up campaign ahead of the AFBD meeting. "I can assure you that it is not a concerted policy that if somebody writes us a letter they get a payment," he said. "It is not unusual for us, or indeed any other broker, to make payments to clients from time to time."

Mr Edgeley added: "I would hope that AFBD and the world as a whole accept that much of what we have been accused of in the past hardly applies now."

TEMPUS

A golden opportunity for bargain hunters at RTZ

RTZ's great leap forward in mining via its proposed £2.4 billion acquisition of BP Minerals is every analyst's idea of a dream. It puts RTZ firmly on the starting blocks for the 21st century.

The deal brings a host of impressive and valuable assets all in one go; it should help earnings even in the first year and propels RTZ into the position of the world's leading mining company.

Precise financial detail is not expected until April, once a three-month "due diligence" exercise has been completed, and will probably come in time to complement 1988 year-end results.

Meanwhile, as the investment spotlight shines on RTZ for its coup, its Australian associate CRA should not be overlooked – especially if it is able to buy Australian assets now under BP Minerals' control.

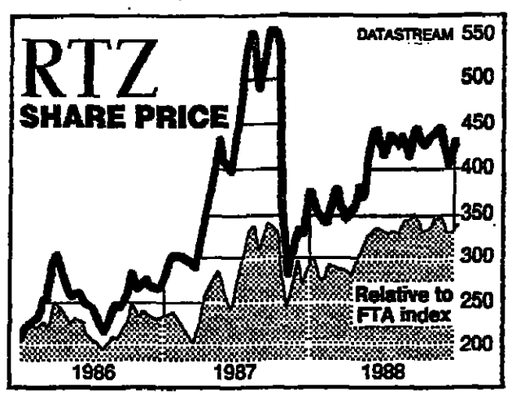
BP Minerals' most visible Australian asset is the 49 per cent stake in Olympic Dam, the copper-uranium-gold-silver mine operated by Western Mining which holds the 51 per cent balance.

Western Mining has pre-emptive rights on BP's stake. Given that it has plenty of cash, it may well exercise them. RTZ would like to take up the rights to Olympic Dam itself, but, if there are regulatory problems in holding on to it directly from London, selling on some of the mining operation to CRA is not impossible.

A more intriguing thought from Euan Worthington, mining analyst at Warburg Securities, concerns RTZ and gold. Producing and developing gold mines being acquired will sharply increase group gold production to put RTZ into third place (behind Newmont and Placer Dome) in the league of producers outside South Africa.

Since BP planned in its own right to float its gold assets via BP Gold – only to be frustrated three times by adverse stock market conditions – a public float of a vehicle called RTZ Gold could be a possibility in time.

Market estimates of RTZ's net profit for the 1988 financial year centre around £420 million, compared with £279.5 million in 1987, rising to between £470 million and £500 million for 1990.



RTZ's profits do not depend on a single metal but come from a range of precious and base metals, with strong support from diversified industrial operations.

The investment conclusion is unanimous: at 437p, on a prospective rating of 8.2, which eases to 7.3 on 1990 projections, RTZ is cheap.

Wardle Storeys

Wardle Storeys surprised the City in refusing to increase its £85 million bid for Armstrong Equipment. The passing of Saturday's deadline clearly suggests that it now believes its combined share-and-cash offer, which values each Armstrong share at 155p, is good enough to give it control.

We shall see. Wardle has not been known for a win-at-any-price strategy, and in the view of most observers it has cut things fine this time. It could be close, but the impression is that Wardle has done its sums correctly.

Armstrong's recent disappointing profit forecast, which estimated current-year pre-tax profits at £8.5 million, about £1 million lower than expected, suggest that the share price could fall back from a current 159p to below 130p if the bid prop is removed. A forecast of earnings per share of 14.6p for 1988-89 and an average sector rating of 7.3 times earnings suggests a base for Armstrong's share price of little more than 110p, even allowing for the promised turnround.

But even these calculations may be too optimistic. Under the new SSAP 24 accounting standard, companies such as Armstrong, which enjoy pension fund holidays, have to provide an annual charge to avoid overstating the underlying level of earnings. That would make the picture still less favourable.

Armstrong faces a £1.5 million levy. Post-SSAP 24, Armstrong's earnings would be a meagre 11.7p, which, on the sector rating, could even drag the share price base down to 85p.

The main argument against the Wardle bid is the lack of apparent industrial logic. But Armstrong's recent problems, with earnings per share down from 13.4p to 10.5p over the last two years, were management-related. Fundamental management accounting errors at the company's shock absorber plant in York persuaded the management to set prices at levels that proved far too low to be profitable, leading to write-offs of between £2 million and £4 million.

Armstrong has said the problems are being remedied, but whether this will be enough to restore profitability at York towards the end of this financial year is open to question.

Despite the disappointment over the refusal to raise the bid, it appears that Armstrong would have too much to do to match Wardle's offer.

UK Paper

Most people just pulled their crackers and stuffed the turkey, but at UK Paper's works in Kent, engineers spent Christmas upgrading the plant. And when the improved machines were switched on after the break, they worked a treat.

As the switches were thrown, one of the stock market's doubts about UK Paper, which sprang out of the old Bowater empire by way of a management buyout, was removed. In a continuous process such as paper production, any shutdown is serious, and there were some rightly cautious analysts suggesting that a start-up problem could have a nasty effect on 1989 profits.

The other market worry will be less easily removed. Paper is a world commodity, and a strong sterling run, especially against the mark, would undermine the competitive position of domestic companies such as UK Paper.

Fund managers remember the old cyclical pattern at Bowater, and wonder if UK Paper will be able to escape the same fate. The answer is a cautious yes, because the old peak and trough sectors – newsprint and brown paper – have been kicked out of the group, which concentrates on high-grade writing and printing papers.

At the moment, the company is pushing back imports and selling everything it can produce, and its capital investment, about £15 million in 1988, will both increase capacity and bring economies of scale.

Despite the capital programme, gearing at year-end was only about 10 per cent and all the borrowings were long term. The company was running a cash surplus.

But if cash does start to be required, UK Paper has a wonderful cushion in the form of hundreds of acres of development land. Developers are already forming a queue outside the factory gates.

Thus far, 235 surplus acres are zoned for industrial use, with other land more suitable for housing.

The land is in the books at historic values, but the board is discussing some revaluation, which if written into the balance sheet, would bring the modest gearing level down even lower.

Meanwhile, profit estimates of £18.5 million for 1988 and up to £21 million for the current year appear on safe ground, leaving the shares at 180p trading at a little over nine times earnings. Given the asset backing, that represents a buying opportunity.

US NOTEBOOK

Gradually does it for policy chiefs

From Maxwell Newton, New York

The Federal Reserve is facing a different world from that of early 1988. Now there are no fears that US expansion is going to stall. There is widespread evidence that the economy is strong.

The dollar, which was supported by massive coordinated central bank action in the first week of January 1988, is moving to ever greater strength. Fears of accelerating inflation have been disproved.

Federal Reserve policy has two main strands – targeting the dollar and reducing the pace of domestic economic expansion to about 2 per cent a year. Both require a high short-term interest rate policy. In late 1988, the Fed appeared to have adopted a Federal Funds policy of 8¾ per cent – 9 per cent. This was disturbed by end-of-year liquidity pressures but it is too early to confirm the Fed has adopted a Funds policy of 9¼ per cent – 9½ per cent.

The balancing act performed by the central bank – some higher short-term rates and dollar stability without seriously threatening the expansion – has had remarkable results.

The budget deficit has ceased to be a significant issue for US fiscal policy. With total government spending on goods and services stable in real terms for almost two years, the problem will no doubt solve itself. Behind the facade of apparent indifference to issues like the budget deficit and the trade deficit is the desire to enlarge the Reagan expansion. Gradualism is seen to have worked.

Meanwhile, measures are being taken that will gradually contain growth of domestic borrowing, including higher short-term interest rates.

As these fiscal and monetary policies affect the system, it is expected that US "real" interest rates will fall to their historical level of 1-2 per cent from the present 5 per cent.

There is the clear hope that the next four years could be a repetition of the past four. This would be seen as a vindication of the current policy of fiscal and monetary restraint, under the banners of "stability and gradualism".

GrandMet man moves into Pillsbury with an ambitious agenda

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Grand Metropolitan accepts the spoils of its $6.5 billion (£3.6 billion) US takeover victory today when Mr Ian Martin arrives in Minneapolis to claim ownership of the Pillsbury company as its new chief executive.

Mr Martin, a veteran business commander, is aware the transition must be orderly, and that the first 60 to 90 days are critical to the success of a programme which could transform GrandMet, Britain's 12th largest company, into the biggest food company in the United States.

He has an ambitious agenda which will include additional US acquisitions and the broadening of Pillsbury lines into international markets. First he will need to calm the fears of Pillsbury executives and induct them into the GrandMet corporate culture.

Mr Martin describes this as "about pace and momentum." It is "a restless dissatisfaction with the status quo."

As a true internationalist, Mr Martin, aged 53, has set his sights on markets well beyond the US heartland, into the Europe of 1992 and Far East Asia. He brings to Pillsbury an outward-looking style of management which many US companies lost after their daring escapades of the 1960s when they launched global conglomerates.

For example, the international branding of established Pillsbury products, notably the Green Giant vegetable line, will be a top goal.

There will also be additional US acquisitions, and Mr Martin, as head of GrandMet's food division – which now accounts for more than 50 per cent of total turnover – will spearhead a drive into Europe, where the British-based Express Foods Group is seeking additional companies. In North America, GrandMet is seeking new acquisitions in the US petfood market to increase the market share of its Alto Foods Group, which has annual sales of $350 million.

"We bring a determination to look beyond the immediate horizons," Mr Martin said.

But first there is the transition. Mr Martin has held a four-hour strategy session with Mr Philip Smith, the outgoing Pillsbury chairman.



Martin: critical 90 days

Now he must "pull away the curtain" and see what there is in terms of management skills, financial pitfalls, the makings of a team which will produce a large percentage of the profits GrandMet is counting on to meet its minimum goal of "15 per cent gross per share per annum."

"I have control of an extensive chunk of that and therefore I have got to produce it," he said.

A meeting tomorrow with Mr Jerry Levin, the embattled chairman of the Burger King hamburger division, will be critical to the strategy.

Mr Martin is meeting Mr Levin with an open mind, despite the fierce battle which both waged to win the backing of Burger King franchisees during the critical days of the takeover. "I have heard that he is a first-class operator," he said.

But whether Mr Levin stays on will depend on his compatibility with Mr Martin and his goals.

These have already taken shape. Mr Martin, who was trained as a chartered accountant in addition to taking an arts degree from St Andrew's University, has looked at the Burger King books and drawn several conclusions. To begin, things are not as bad as Pillsbury and Wall Street analysts have indicated.

Mr Martin said that it almost appeared that Burger King had been misrepresented deliberately. "I sometimes wonder if it was not a covert poison pill," designed to ward off all would-be buyers, he said.

His strategy for Burger King, however, is not a grand scheme designed to turn it into the number one US hamburger chain.

"I have been trying to avoid the image that suddenly there is a magic formula, a rabbit out of the hat, that says here is the new Burger King. I think that is the wrong way to go," Mr Martin said.

He intends to lop off the poorly-performing Burger King franchise in unpromising markets and concentrate on the good ones. "We do not want to be the biggest, we want to be the best."

Contrary to popular US opinion, Mr Martin said that he achieved considerable experience in what actually amounts to a franchising operation when he oversaw GrandMet's tenancy pub operations, as chairman of the brewing and retailing division.

To put the GrandMet stamp on Pillsbury, he is installing a small team at the top, which will include executives from Britain and from the New Jersey headquarters of Grand Metropolitan Inc, the US company. His key lieutenants, Mr Paul Walsh and Mr Howard Chandler, will move with him to Minnesota, forming the nucleus of GrandMet's worldwide food division.

Over the next 60 to 90 days it will be up to these key players, the "centurions" Mr Martin says, to accomplish:

- Quick divestiture of Pillsbury's restaurant units, which is required under an antiquated US state law regulating drinks companies.
- The reorganization at the top which will include lay-offs at the Minnesota headquarters and elsewhere.
- An immediate review of Pillsbury's finances and prospects in order to make forecasts for this year.
- A growth programme for its Pearle Health Services Division which has experienced profit growth of just under 80 per cent over the past two years.

Mr Martin said that this is a big potential area of growth, given the annual 2 per cent increase in eye care services in the US.

It is clear that Mr Martin's plate is full. He must also build an image in the US and in Minnesota as a good corporate citizen. For example, US companies traditionally give much more to charity than British firms.

USM REVIEW

Farming company ready to break new ground with market quotation

Gone is the old image of the ruddy-faced gentleman farmer dressed in tweeds and wellies. He has been replaced by the hard-bitten businessman with smart suits and a determined look.

If you want a glimpse of him, look out for first-time dealings in Associated Farmers, the East Anglian company which joins the Stock Exchange's Third Market soon by way of an introduction sponsored by Cambridge Capital.

Associated Farmers, founded five years ago, will be the first farming company to join the Third Market. It raised about £2 million under the Business Expansion Scheme in 1983 and has since attracted almost 300 shareholders. It operates more than 1,000 acres – half owned by the company and the rest either held on company tenancy or rented.

The group already has close connections with the Square Mile. Its chairman is Mr John Robertshaw, deputy chairman of Fimbra, one of the City's regulatory bodies, and a director of a number of other quoted companies, including York Trust on the Unlisted Securities Market.

He says the facility of a Third Market quote will enable transactions to take place in the shares now that the statutory five-year BES period has passed.

The group also intends to use the quote to seek acquisitions in related areas such as garden centres, food packing and land management. It is looking for profitable companies with an ambitious management team based



John Robertshaw: looking to expand

in and around East Anglia and the East Midlands.

The group will not be raising any extra cash from joining the market, but is already in good financial shape. Mr Robertshaw says it already has sizeable cash resources and total indebtedness of less than £15,000.

The introduction memorandum shows a net asset value of 72.3p a share according to the last accounts up to November 30, 1987. However, had a revaluation of the freehold land, including a "small portion only" of the potential development value of 1.7 acres, been made subsequent to the year-end, it would have thrown up a figure of 82.2p.

A limited amount of property may be sold for residential development. Proceeds will go back into the farming activities, which Mr David Richardson, a director, believes have "significant scope for profitable expansion."

Club date with winners

The Unlisted Securities Market's annual back-slapping season is upon us once again.

Voting forms for the 1988 USM Awards will arrive at some 3,000 City and corporate desks today. With a total of nine categories, short lists for the non-factual categories will be drawn up from the City's recommendations – forms will be sent to USM company chairmen, journalists, analysts and other advisers – and the winners will be chosen by a panel of judges.

The awards will be announced and given out at the USM dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on March 15.

Now into its third year, the awards and dinner, sponsored jointly by *The USM Magazine* and Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the accountant, have increased in popularity every year. About 800 are expected to attend this time, compared with 550 last year.

"It demonstrates the unique club-like atmosphere that exists on the USM," says Mr Ian Restall, editor of *The USM Magazine*. "The companies on it are very diverse but they all have one thing in common – the fact that they are run by entrepreneurs. The main market is too big to do something similar."

Mr Restall points out that last year's winner of the coveted "USM Company of the Year" award, Blenheim Exhibitions Group, put on a sterling performance in 1988 with a share price rise of about 50 per cent, against a difficult market background.

"This obviously indicates what a far-sighted lot USM watchers are," he says.

The nine award categories will be: USM Company of the Year; USM Entrepreneur of the Year; USM Best Designed Prospectus; USM Overseas Company of the Year; the USM's favourite PR company; the USM's favourite Merchant Bank; Best Performing New Issue of 1988; Best Performing USM Share of 1988 and Top Sponsor of the Year.

Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

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Strong first half could lift Ellis & Everard to £4.9m

TODAY

Ellis & Everard, the chemical distributor, has had a strong first six months and will produce interim pre-tax profits about 19 per cent higher at *£4.9 million, according to* Miss Jinty Price and Mr Oliver Fear, analysts at Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

They forecast growth in sales of about 18 per cent, with acquisitions accounting for roughly 4 per cent, organic volume growth a further 6 per cent and the balance the result of price increases.

In Britain, CFC performed well, while Prillaman made further progress in the US and AICC was also strong. Meanwhile, the acquisition of United Chemicals and Pioneer Chemical will ensure that sales and operating profits grow strongly in the second half.

Mr Greg Hutchings' Tomkins conglomerate, formerly FH Tomkins, reports half-way figures to end-October. The group has been quiet since the acquisition of Murray Ohio Manufacturing, the agricultural machinery producer, last summer.

Analysts will be looking for a first two months' contribution from Murray, and an indication of how well it has recovered from the depressed conditions in the US agricultural market last winter, hoping for an uptake of orders this winter as farmers gear up for the next growing season.

Mr Michael Murphy at Warburg Securities is looking for £19.5 million before tax in the first half, up from £16.8 million. The growth in earnings per share, however, should be less dramatic, given the rights issue that accompanied the Murray purchase, with 7.6p against 6.91p likely, he believes.

Interims: Carclo Engineering, Ellis & Everard, ML Holdings, Tomkins.

Finals: None announced.



Stanley Kalms: grim interim results feared



Anita Roddick: analysts predict £9 million

TOMORROW

Howden Group, the Glasgow engineering company, ran into severe turbulence two years ago with its disastrous involvement in a Californian wind-generating scheme. All this is now happily behind it, with 1988 marked by a string of acquisitions and orders.

Mr Alex Milne at Barclays de Zoete Wedd is expecting pre-tax profits of £5.8 million for the half-year to end-October, against £3.6 million.

Interims: Cantors, Colefax and Fowler Group, Fleming Overseas Investment Trust, Hildare, Howden Group, Real Time Control, Stead & Simpson., TVS Entertainment, Westpool Investment Trust, Wyko Group.

Finals: Abbey Panels Investments, Alexanders Holdings, Countryside Properties, Kunick, Wheway.

WEDNESDAY

If the market's tepid reaction to the group's sparkling interim results in June is anything to go by, something special will obviously be required when **Body Shop International**, where Mrs Anita Roddick is the managing director, announces full-year figures. Despite a 50 per cent jump in interim pre-tax profits to £4.71 million, on sales £7.7 million ahead at £215 million, 30p was wiped from the share price of this skin and health preparations group at the half-way stage.

Mr Gordon Roddick, the chairman, forecast then that the momentum would be maintained throughout the rest of the year, so analysts have pencilled in pre-tax profits of about £9 million, compared with £6 million last time.

Interims: Associated Newspapers Holdings, Sidney C Banks, Bespak, Hambro Eurobond and Money Market Fund, The Investment Co, Zetters Group.

Finals: Body Shop International, Economic Forestry Group, Robert Horne, M&G Dual Trust, Sock Shop International, Southern Business Group.

THURSDAY

Analysts are expecting a grim set of interim results from **Dixons**, the high street electrical retailer. Mr Paul Deacon, an analyst at Goldman Sachs, the US broker, expects pre-tax profits of £45 million compared with £49.5 million last time, and he believes the downturn would have been greater but for property development and financial services profits. He is also expecting a gloomy statement from Mr Stanley Kalms, the chairman.

Although there was a late recovery in the important Christmas sales period in the final two weeks — helped by two extra days — overall business was again extremely disappointing.

If anything, an even worse 1988 has been suffered by **Macarthy**, the former Macarthys Pharmaceuticals which was, in its own words, "Exceeted" by its rival UniChem's controversial share incentive scheme to its pharmacist customers.

The affair was referred to the Monopolies Commission by the Office of Fair Trading. But Macarthy found it necessary to close a large part of its wholesaling business, which should have made a loss in the full year to end-September.

Few analysts are now prepared to make a firm pre-tax prediction for the year until it is clear how Macarthy will treat the closure costs. Forecasts were for about £7 million, against £5.62 million last time. The figures have been delayed for almost a month by the illness of Mr Nick Ward, the chairman and chief executive.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, the former chairman of the Stock Exchange, took the reins at the TSB as chairman last week, and he will be hoping to improve the bank's rating and image in the City by announcing an impressive set of annual results.

Analysts' forecasts range between £409 million and £427 million before tax compared with £399 million last time, while they look for an increase in the final dividend from 2.4p to 2.8p, making a 5.4p total for the year.

Interims: Astra Holdings, Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks Holdings, Dixons Group, Robert M Douglas Holdings, Hawthorn Leslie Group (second interim), Jones, Stroud (Holdings), Kingsgrove, Nobo Group, Turnbull Scott Holdings.

Finals: Daily Mail and General Trust, Dewhurst, Gardiner Group, Macarthy, Neotronics Technology, TSB Group.

FRIDAY

Interims: None announced.

Finals: Greenwich Resources.

Martin Waller and Geoffrey Foster

REPORTING THIS WEEK

CMB Packaging is an exercise in Anglo-French compatibility

By Wolfgang Münchau

One of the many British fears about 1992 is that if you merge a British company and a French one, the outcome of the exercise is a French company. And if cuts are needed, somehow the British end would always be rationalized first.

The proposed merger between the packaging subsidiaries of Metal Box, nowadays called MB Group, and the French packaging firm Carnaud, may be interpreted as an example of such French predominance, although this is stoutly denied by both parties.

The merger into CMB Packaging — announced in October and likely to become effective in April — nevertheless highlights the question of how European companies should team up to meet the challenges of the 1990s.

There is a compelling industrial and financial logic to the deal. The companies produce a similar range of products, which include plastics, metal cans and bottles, but have little geographical overlap. Carnaud is currently one of the leading players on the continent, while Britain is "a great big hole" in the words of M Jean-Marie Descarpentries, the Carnaud chairman, and CMB's chairman-designate. Likewise MB Group is mainly focused in the UK.

The deal, which will allow both companies to produce and market pan-European brands, has been welcomed by some of its European customers. The MB part of the operation may benefit from rationalization, as Carnaud's margins of 10.8 per cent are higher than those of MB (8.3 per cent).

For MB Group shareholders, who will have a 16.5 per cent stake in CMB and retain control of the remainder of MB, the deal involves loss of control, but the possibility of an overall increase in earnings from 1989-90.

This makes the heroic assumption that the two management teams work effectively together since French and British will have equal CMB board representation.

British memories are still soured by the ill-fated Dunlop-Pirelli union, originally hailed as an opportunity to create one of the world's largest tyre and rubber groups. Anglo-Italian incompatibility defeated its industrial logic.

A recent parallel is the merger between Sema of France, Europe's second largest software company, and Britain's CAP Group last year to create Sema Group. This has not gone smoothly. Mr Mike Smith, the joint chairman, recently resigned.

CGIP, which owns 40 per cent of Carnaud, also holds a large stake in Cap Gemini Sogeti, Europe's largest software company, which itself holds a 30 per cent stake in Sema Group.

CGIP opposed that merger, but showed no such scepticism about CMB.

M Descarpentries denies that such incompatibilities exist between Carnaud and MB Group. He symbolizes what some call a post-modernist management style, emphasizing corporate visions, and turning corporate management pyramids upside down, to the effect that he himself is positioned at the bottom, not at the top of the company.

As a former partner in McKinsey, the international consultancy, M Descarpentries is a great believer in management science, and innovative systems. Since his appointment in 1981, M Descarpentries turned a loss of FFr 63 million in 1981 into a profit of FFr 365 million (£33 million) last year.

Whether his management style can work in Britain, however, remains open to question.

MB Group, on the other hand, maintains that its company has been run on these principles so there is no clash of cultures. M Descarpentries said: "Three years ago I would have been much more sceptical about this merger." But since the turnaround in MB Group he sees no obstacles.

Mr Tim Rothwell of BZW, says of the merger that the "new group will have a complex, idiosyncratic structure, several operating units and departments like a 'syndicalist' socialist organization".

ECONOMIC VIEW

Lawson cannot shrug off tax cuts' impact

Does fiscal policy still have a role to play in economic management? This may seem like an odd question to ask when the Chancellor and his team have just spent the weekend at Dorneywood carefully considering Budget strategy, or at least playing Trivial Pursuit in front of the fire, but it is a valid one in present circumstances.

We are in the middle of a period which is every bit as interesting, in its way, as any of the laboratory experiments for the economy of recent years. It is not, as the Chancellor sometimes suggests, a re-run of 1985. This is new territory, in virtually every respect.

The question about the role of fiscal policy arises, of course, because of the rapid turnaround in the Government's financial position over the past two years, a development of which every market-maker in government stocks is being made painfully aware. The public sector debt repayment was £3.6 billion in 1987-88, is heading for £13 billion in the present financial year and, on unchanged policies, could reach £20 billion in 1989-90.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development clearly sees a continued role for fiscal policy in economic management, in spite of these budget surpluses. In particular, the OECD argues that the lower the level of private savings, the greater may be the need for larger budget surpluses.

The Chancellor, while conceding that monetary policy may have been relaxed a little too much a year ago, has been dogged in his defence of the March 1988 Budget. Tax cuts of £4 billion were small in relation to an expansion of credit of £40 billion, he argued last week. And the Government has done its bit to restrain the economy by running an even larger budget surplus than was intended.

Above all, tax cuts are no longer used in the context of stimulating or damping down the economy. That, and presumably the OECD, belongs to the outdated Keynesian mentality of the 1960s and 1970s.

Much of this can be taken with a fairly large pinch of salt. The Chancellor has to defend the Budget because, unlike the internationally co-ordinated easing of monetary policy a year ago, the tax cuts were his decision alone.

Comparing the size of tax cuts with the amount of credit expansion is hardly comparing like with like. And, while the Chancellor may not think of tax cuts in terms of their stimulating effect on the economy, it is clear, both for their impact on consumer confidence and their direct income effects, that they do indeed have such an effect.

Even so, the important thing is not whether the view is correct, but whether it is believed by enough people in high places. The logic of the Chancellor's argument is that the tax-cutting process could continue in March, although presumably at a more modest pace and alongside a larger budget surplus than a year ago.

The interesting bit of the experiment is in the use of interest rates to cool an overheated economy which has a structural balance of payments problem. A timely Bank of England discussion paper, *The interest elasticity of consumers' expenditure*, by Michael Dicks of the Bank's economics division, concludes that interest rates now have much more powerful effects on consumer spending than in the period before the 1980s.

Deregulation in financial markets has resulted in increased competition among the providers of funds. As part of this process, credit-rationing has disappeared, and individuals have been able to build up their borrowing to the level they desire, and perhaps above that which previous generations would have considered prudent.

The paper finds that as a result of these developments, the leverage of interest rates on consumer spending has increased, both in its significance and in the number of households directly affected by interest rate changes. Monetary policy is more powerful in its impact.

This is, of course, quite encouraging. It fits in with the evidence from the housing market, and the screams of over-stretched home buyers.

The Bank is not suggesting that it has yet discovered the Holy Grail of powerful interest rate effects on overall bank lending, but this is an important start.

It may even be that the slowdown in mortgage borrowing now coming through will be enough to produce a respectable rise in the saving ratio from its low of 1.3 per cent in the third quarter of last year, even without too many Budget initiatives to boost saving. And if such initiatives are anything like the uninspiring National Savings capital bond launched last week, the Treasury should hold its fire.

The main worry must be that, in an environment of fairly rapidly growing real incomes, and rising pay settlements, a one-off dose of interest rate medicine will not be enough. It may be that, after people have adjusted to the higher rates, the dose has to be administered over and over again.

On previous experience, we should now be at the top of the interest rate cycle. The fact that there is very real uncertainty about whether or not that point has been reached shows that we are at a critical stage in the experiment. The Chancellor would be wise not to test to destruction the argument that tax cuts have no role to play in macroeconomic management.

David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Westcot Homes plc – issue of shares under the Business Expansion Scheme (BES). THE AITCHISON & COLEGRAVE GROUP LTD. will shortly be sponsoring an issue of shares in Westcot Homes plc to raise up to £5 million under the BES.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Gold stars on their metal

If you want to know which way the gold price is headed, then look no further than the executives' luncheon room within the St James's offices of Consolidated Gold Fields. For the 40 or so directors and senior employees of the mining and finance giant who regularly eat there participate in an annual sweepstake to predict both the gold price by the year-end and the price of ConsGold shares. The prize for the latter at the end of 1988 was won, as is only right, by Humphrey Wood, the group's managing director. He had prophesied that the shares would end the year at £12.91, and was just 4p ahead of the market. Showing similarly intuitive guesswork, Stewart Murray, one of the company's metal experts — and a specialist in titanium — plumped for a gold price of $411. At the afternoon fix in London on December 30, the gold price proved him almost right — it was set at $412.50. With all eyes now firmly fixed on Murray to discover what he predicts for 1989, a spokesman for the company tells me that the deadline for entries is . . . wait for it . . . Friday, January 13. Although the ConsGold man refuses to disclose the range of guesstimates *until after* that date, it is intriguing to discover, of those predictions received for the gold price so far, most have the metal "well in excess of $500" by the end of 1989. Watch, as they say, this space . . .

Many happy returns

One of the copyrights already owned by Thorn EMI — before its £187 million deal last week to buy 250,000 copyrights from SBK Entertainment World — is that ditty we all know and love, *Happy Birthday to You*. Colin Southgate, group chief executive, laments that the song is all too often sung without the proper cheques being handed over. "But when I see an Italian waiter jump on a restaurant table and burst into song, even *I* do not have the nerve to rush over and say, 'That will be £20, please'," he says. Comforting to know, though, that each time the dear old BBC plays it, a cheque is duly popped in the post.

Lack of resolve

If you are wondering how much longer you can stick to your new year's resolutions, do not set yourself too ambitious a target. The Americans have just completed a survey which shows that 19 per cent of men abide by their resolutions for less than a week, as do 16 per cent of women. Within six months they have been forgotten by 47 per cent of men and 56 per cent of women. The number who manage to stick to them into the autumn dwindles to 34 per cent of men and 28 per cent of women, the survey says.



"Pharmaceuticals are down again, I see"

In the frame

It had to happen eventually: the Japanese have just acquired their first Hollywood film studio, and plan to go into the American movie market. While it has been known for some time that Sony and several other big Japanese companies were interested in buying big studios such as MGM and Columbia, a consortium of Japanese investors has, I hear, pipped them to the post by paying $50 million (£27.8 million) for Apricot Entertainment, a production company with two sound stages.

Burning ambition

The first known advertising agency to be run solely by a woman is, I hear, about to be launched by Stephanie Whitaker, aged 32. Whitaker, formerly a director of Yellowhammer Advertising, launches Ignis — Latin for fire — next Monday, with offices in Kensington. John Cope, the Employment Minister, who has just launched an initiative for women in business, will make the opening speech. "I met him when I handled the Department of Employment's advertising at Yellowhammer," she says. Clearly attracted to entrepreneurial types, not only has she formed a corporate partnership with Mia Dickson, who operates her own marketing services agency, MDA, but her husband is Michael Whitaker, a partner and rated electricals analyst with Simon & Coates and then Chase, who left last year to start his own consultancy business. Ignis has won its first competitive pitch and will, Whitaker predicts, employ 20 people by the year end.

● Clearly amused by my revelations of the confusion being caused in Hong Kong by the two men, both called David Davies, on the board of First Pacific Land, the one of Hill Samuel and TSB fame tells me he is known as David J and not David S as I reported. It is, he explains, the other David, the 18-year veteran of Hong Kong, who is known as David S and not David J. Hands up anyone who is not confused *now* . . .

Carol Leonard

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Jessups	Motors,Aircraft	
2	CRH	Building,Roads	
3	Wimpey G (aa)	Building,Roads	
4	Rugby Group	Building,Roads	
5	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
6	Daniels S	Foods	
7	Electron House	Electricals	
8	T & N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
9	Hardys & Hansons	Breweries	
10	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
11	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
12	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
13	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks,Discount	
14	Wheway	Industrials S-Z	
15	Eurocopy	Industrials E-K	
16	Plessey (aa)	Electricals	
17	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
18	Davies & Newman	Industrials A-D	
19	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
20	Pilkington (aa)	Industrials L-R	
21	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
22	JS Pathology	Industrials E-K	
23	BSR	Electricals	
24	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
25	Utd Scientific	Electricals	
26	Tiphook	Shipping	
27	AAF Inv	Industrials A-D	
28	Aaronson	Industrials A-D	
29	Dawson	Textiles	
30	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
31	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
32	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
33	Westbury	Building,Roads	
34	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
35	WCRS	Paper,Print,Adv	
36	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
37	Utd Newspapers (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
38	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
39	Bassett Foods	Foods	
40	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
41	Laird	Industrials L-R	
42	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
43	Borland	Electricals	
44	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
24.7m	Rea Bros	63	..	0.3	0.5	..
438.5m	Rothschild (J) Hld	155	-1	10.7	6.9	8.2
1,048.7m	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	365	●+5	20.0	5.8	5.4
218.9m	Schroders	875	-10	22.0	2.5	11.0
1,191.3m	Stand Chart (aa)	510	+8	48.7	8.2	..
1,835.6m	TSB (aa)	108	-½	6.6	6.1	7.3
69.0m	Union Disc	475	..	38.4	8.1	10.7
522.6m	Warburg SG	283	+5	15.6	5.5	7.6
42.1m	Do 8% 'A'	99	..	8.0	8.1	..
1,754.4m	Wells Fargo	£39¼	●-⅛	..	..	..
37.4m	Wintrust	443	..	9.3	2.1	16.3

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,285.4m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	439	●+1	18.2	4.1	13.1
2,760.2m	Bass (aa)	808	●+11	31.5	3.9	9.2
91.4m	Belhaven	49	-3	1.0	2.0	19.1
140.5m	Boddington	161	-2	5.4	3.4	16.8
25.1m	Buckleys	155	..	0.9	0.6	..
71.8m	Bulmer (H P)	137	●+2	8.8	6.4	9.2
40.0m	Burtonwood Brew	192	●-1	4.3	2.2	23.7
36.0m	Clark (Matthew)	405	+3	14.7	3.6	11.2
114.4m	Devenish (JA)	289	●..	4.7	1.6	12.7
3,708.9m	Grand Met (aa)	443	r+13	20.0	4.5	9.2
301.6m	Greenall Whitley	266	●+7	9.7	3.6	15.1
187.8m	Greene King	447	●-2	10.4	2.3	19.8
3,039.7m	Guinness (aa)	340	+6	12.9	3.8	11.2
32.6m	Hardys & Hansons	815	+5	31.3	3.8	14.3
169.7m	Highland Distl	137	●+2	3.8	2.8	18.2
93.1m	Invergordon Distl	405	+2	8.3	2.0	24.5
237.3m	Irish Distl	375	..	..	..	..
149.3m	Marston Thompson	171	●+5	4.0	2.3	19.2
54.1m	Morland	650	●+3	12.1	1.8	11.1
785.2m	SA Breweries	293	+10	..	..	..
1,471.0m	Scot & New (aa)	398	●+9	12.7	3.2	19.6
357.3m	Vaux Grp	734	●+3	21.8b	3.0	18.3
1,259.7m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	303	●+3	14.7	4.9	11.3
159.2m	Do 'B'	£9½	●..	14.7	1.5	35.7
288.8m	Whitbread Inv	458	●..	12.6	2.8	48.6
278.1m	Wolverhampton & D	427	●+3	9.3	2.2	15.9
14.5m	Young 'A'	500	..	12.5	2.5	29.2

OVERSEAS TRADERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
27.7m	Boustead	45	+3	0.9	2.0	20.5
17.0m	Challington	118	r-5	10.3b	8.7	9.3
109.5m	Finlay (James)	112	-3	5.5	4.9	..
882.9m	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	568	+22	38.7b	5.8	18.7
709.6m	Inchcape (aa)	203	-3	9.8	4.8	12.1
1,585.7m	Lonrho (aa)	350	+7	15.8	4.5	18.3
17.0m	Ocean Wilson	43	-2	3.3	7.7	8.0
71.1m	Paterson Zoch	291	..	10.4	3.6	13.9
66.9m	Do 'A'	291	..	10.4	3.6	13.9
663.0m	Polly Peck (aa)	272	r..	9.6b	3.5	5.6
0,670.0m	Sime Darby	84	+1	..	..	..
214.6m	Tozer Kemsley	98½	+½	3.3	3.4	9.8

SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
397.1m	Assoc Br Ports	453	-10	11.3	2.5	13.7
338.1m	Caledonia	358	●+1	10.7	3.0	41.0
33.4m	Clarkson (H)	165	-2	7.3	4.4	18.3
33.0m	Fisher (James)	139	+2	5.1	3.7	21.3
12.4m	Graig	155	●-5	6.0	3.9	51.0
17.3m	Jacobs (JI)	79	+1	5.6	7.1	..
——	Mersey Docks	458	+5	..	..	27.1
300.5m	Ocean Transport	251	-4	14.3	5.5	10.2
2,121.7m	P & O Dfd (aa)	534	+4	31.3	5.9	12.5
69.9m	P & O 5.5%	105	..	7.3	7.0	..
28.5m	Runciman (Walter)	335	●..	10.7	3.2	15.8
204.7m	Tiphook	420	●+5	7.5	1.9	13.7
9,869,000	Turnbull Scott	215	..	6.3	2.9	18.5

TOBACCOS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,735.0m	BAT (aa)	449	-4	24.5	5.3	9.2
81.0m	RJ Carroll	154	..	..	..	..
1,260.8m	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	425	●-6	14.0	3.3	9.2

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GCSEs that begin at 11

Douglas Broom reports on a new exam system involving gradual assessment

Just as pupils and parents are getting used to the GCSE, a fresh examination revolution is about to overtake our schools that could finish off the make-or-break final exam. Within a few years children could begin working for GCSEs from the moment they enter secondary school at the age of 11, going up a ladder of "levels of achievement" to a final qualification.

Graded Assessment, as the system is known, has been almost a decade in the making. The Government-appointed School Examinations and Assessment Council gave qualified approval last month for its introduction into schools.

The London and East Anglian GCSE group, which has been running pilot schemes involving 40,000 pupils in 25 areas of the country for five years, got the approval for its science graded assessment syllabus. The decision heralds what many believe will be a revolution as profound in its effects as the GCSE itself.

Gaining a qualification without sitting a formal exam is not new. The GCSE and the old CSE have enabled tens of thousands of 16-year-olds to qualify on the basis of course work alone. Graded Assessment is new in that the course starts as soon as the child enters the secondary school rather than at the age of 14. The pace of progress is set by the pupil's own abilities. So a child prodigy can qualify for a grade A at GCSE at the age of 14, or a pupil who has difficulties can progress steadily to a good grade at 16.



An ordeal for many secondary school children: the GCSE written exam that could be on the way out

'The methods of assessment are more flexible'

Unlike previous course work syllabuses, Graded Assessment does not involve pupils jumping through the hoops of course work assignments that may form no part of their everyday classroom experience.

Instead, teachers are free to devise their own methods of assessing their pupils' capabilities against performance criteria laid down by the exam group. The emphasis is on flexibility, and teachers are encouraged to make assessment part of the everyday life of the classroom, unobtrusively measuring what pupils can really do.

At present every subject has differing numbers of levels through which pupils progress. In maths it is 15, in languages eight. To pass every level pupils will have to fulfil a range of criteria spelling out things they should be able to do or know by that stage.

For example, in maths at level four – roughly a third of the way up the 15 level maths ladder – pupils have to show their ability to give the correct change for an item costing less than £10 from a £10 note.

Matthew Portal, head of the Graded Assessment section at the London and East Anglian group, said: "The criteria are fixed but the actual methods of assessment are far more flexible. The intention is to motivate pupils and teachers and to make learning more enjoyable while making assessment more effective."

The other trump card in the hand of supporters of Graded Assessment is that its underlying principles agree closely with some of the main themes in the *Black Report* on assessment and testing under the new national curriculum. Like the *Black Report*'s preferred system of levels of achievement, Graded Assessment is not tied to pupils passing milestones at certain ages.

It also follows *Black*'s thinking that assessment tasks should arise out of the work being done by pupils and not be bolted-on extras that may jar with the tone of the rest of the classroom work.

Mr Portal said: "Teachers carry out the assessments in the classroom, but their assessments are monitored by an LEAG-appointed assessor who visits up to 10 schools on average three times a year. The assessor not only checks the records of pupils against their written work to ensure the criteria have been satsified but visits classrooms to check on assessment of oral or practical work. These visits ensure that thorough monitoring takes place and that uniformity of standards, procedures and record-keeping are maintained."

Work is already very advanced on introducing Graded Assessment in maths, modern languages (French, Urdu, German and Spanish) and craft, design and technology (CDT). A similar scheme for English is also being prepared and with an average of five years required to work up every subject there seems no reason why such a scheme should not be introduced across the curriculum by the end of the century.

LETTERS

Beating about an electoral bush

Students who are using *The Times Presspass* scheme to obtain *The Times* at half price have been invited to write giving their views on the paper. Here is a selection:

From Bernadette Chelvanayagam

The Times coverage of the US election was, in my opinion, a very detailed and interesting reporting. I frankly believe Mr Bush did nothing positive in his campaign to enhance his beliefs/policies, which were rather contradictory to what he said about Mr Dukakis.

Mr Bush should have been paying particular attention to important issues, instead of promising such things as . . . "No more taxes . . . Read my lips . . . " It is obvious that once he is President, if he intends to reduce the trade deficit that is currently strangling America, he will have to raise taxes.

Bernadette Chelvanayagam,
Brook Road,
Redhill, Surrey

Wrong remedy

From Dermot K. Feenan

Again it seems patients have been prescribed the wrong legal remedy. The High Court decided (*Law Report*, December 1) that a psychiatrist's duty of confidentiality to a patient detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 was lower than that owed to an "ordinary" member of the public.

If this distinction is one based on a case-by-case assessment of the "ordinariness" of the patient, in addition to the incompatibility with the principle of confidentiality, the confusion which seems certain to result from such a term in law, psychiatry and other medical practices cannot be to the benefit of the patient.

Dermot K. Feenan,
Sunnyside Park, Belfast

No suffering

From Edward Usherwood

I should like to clarify some of the misunderstandings that seem to surround genetic engineering. I feel that the image most people have of this science is that of a bespectacled boffin in a laboratory performing strange experiments, making weird and wonderful creatures like something out of a science fiction B-movie.

There is nothing mystical about genetic engineering, it is simply a way of producing a useful effect by a novel method.

Human embryo research is an emotive issue – but it should not be clouded by any preconceived ideas about what scientists are working towards. They just want what the rest of society wants – freedom from disease and other forms of human suffering.

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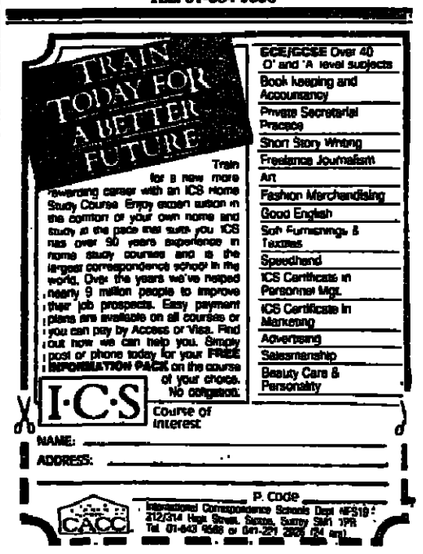
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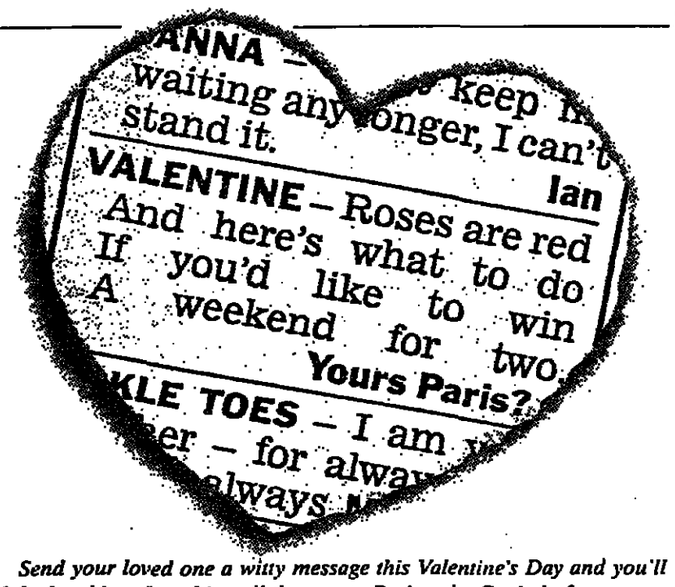
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Alderman breaks Pakistan with show of discipline

From John Woodcock, Brisbane

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It was an important win for Australia. Pakistan having drawn level with them in the WSC table by beating a strangely inept West Indian side on Saturday. For Pakistan to keep Australia out of the finals now, they will need anyway to beat them in Melbourne tomorrow and to do so with a considerably better run-rate.

Even then, Australia could deny them by beating West Indies in the last of the qualifying matches in Sydney on Thursday. West Indies are already assured of playing in the finals.

By bowling in the right place to the right length, Alderman has brought a discipline to the Australian attack which must be like manna from heaven to Border. His first two balls yesterday, both fairly well up, pitched just outside the off stump and hit it. Rameez and Aamir were playing back. Once Javed had shown that the front foot was the place to be, Alderman was no longer lethal, though in his first spell of seven overs, he still conceded only 11 runs.

At 124 for three, in the 34th over, with Javed and Ijaz playing very well, Pakistan were in their best position in the match. Javed was then sent back by Ijaz and run out. Javed played a little dink to the on side, placed for a quick single, but Ijaz would have none of it. The momentum that Pakistan were building up was lost. O'Donnell held a good return catch; Yousuf and Akram were soon gone, and it was left to Imran to push Pakistan past 200.

Imran is in fine batting form. His unbeaten 67 in 46 balls on Saturday had put his side out of West Indies' reach, and he now straight drove Alderman clean out of the Gabba, which is something people are remembered for doing. Those who managed it most recently seem to have been Kapil Dev and Botham.

When Australia went in, an opening partnership of 100 in 24 overs between Boon and Marsh put the result virtually beyond doubt. McDermott came in at No. 3, to try to slog the scoring-rate up in case the two sides should finish level on points later in the week.

He was reasonably successful, making 32 in 36 balls against a Pakistan side that seem not to have a fit bowler. Imran is suffering from various aches and pains, Akram from a sore heel, Qadir from a sprained side, Aamir from the bowling "yips", Shoaib from the after effects of chickenpox, and most of the others from something or other. They could do with Mudassar, but he, too, is unfit.

What compounded matters yesterday was that Qadir misused his great skill by bowling half his overs from round the wicket into what little bowlers' rough there was. This is basically a defensive ploy, and if Pakistan were to win, once Boon and Marsh had given Australia such a good start, it was essential that they took wickets. For the last of his 10 overs, Qadir went over the wicket and at once bowled McDermott.

On Saturday, with the one-day regulations disallowing fast short-pitched balls, West Indies had bowled as badly against Pakistan as they ever can have done in a one-day international. There was as much similarity between their attack in the recent Melbourne Test Match and against Pakistan now as between a welcome breeze and a cyclone.

They sprayed the ball all over the place until eventually one wondered whether Benjamin was going to get to the end of an over. By the time he did, it had cost 24 runs, including two lots of boundary byes.

After 25 overs, Pakistan had scored only 42 runs from the bat, but they were already 77-2, thanks to all the wides and no balls. Pakistan's total of 258 for nine, of which 106 came in their last 10 overs, included no fewer than 59 extras.

The West Indians, I know, thought little of the umpiring, believing the calling of wides to be inconsistent and some of it unwarranted. They had a point, too; but the remedy was in their own hands. Had they bowled with the accuracy to be expected of them, not even the umpire, Robin Bailache, could have taken exception.

SCOREBOARDS FROM BRISBANE

Yesterday

PAKISTAN

Rameez Raja b Alderman 0
Shoaib Mohammed c Marsh b O'Donnell 29
Aamir Malik b Alderman 0
Javed Miandad run out 54
Ijaz Ahmed c Boon b Taylor 41
Saleem Malik c and b O'Donnell 22
*Imran Khan c Border b Alderman 28
†Saleem Yousuf c McDermott b O'Donnell 2
Wasim Akram c and b Taylor 4
Abdul Qadir not out 9
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 7, nb 2) 14
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 203

Aaqib Javed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-84, 4-124, 5-152, 6-158, 7-167, 8-173, 9-203.

BOWLING: Alderman 9-2-27-3 (w 1), McDermott 10-0-45-0 (nb 1, w 2), O'Donnell 10-1-31-3, Waugh 9-0-35-0 (w 3), Taylor 10-0-48-2 (nb 1, w 1), Border 2-0-12-0.

AUSTRALIA

D C Boon c Ijaz b Aaqib 45
G R Marsh b Aaqib 41
C J McDermott b Qadir 32
D M Jones b Akram 16
G M Wood run out 8
*A R Border not out 18
S R Waugh not out 22
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 12) 22
Total (5 wkts, 44.5 overs) 204

S P O'Donnell, P L Taylor, †I A Healey and T M Alderman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-100, 3-128, 4-164, 5-168.

BOWLING: Imran 10-0-33-0 (w 2), Aaqib 10-1-38-2 (w 3), A Malik 1-0-9-0 (w 3), Akram 8.5-0-70-1 (w 3), Qadir 10-1-26-1 (w 1), Shoaib 5-0-18-0.

Man of the match: T M Alderman.

Saturday

PAKISTAN

Rameez Raja c Dujon b Ambrose 6
Moin-Ul-Haq c Richards b Marshall 2
Aamir Malik c Richards b Ambrose 75
Javed Miandad c Benjamin b Bishop 38
Saleem Malik c Hooper b Bishop 3
*Imran Khan not out 67
Ijaz Ahmed c Bishop b Ambrose 3
Wasim Akram run out 2
†Saleem Yousuf not out 4
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 37, nb 4) 59
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) 258

Abdul Qadir and Aaqib Javed and did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-20, 3-127, 4-137, 5-197, 6-220, 7-240.

BOWLING: Marshall 10-0-34-1 (nb 3, w 4), Ambrose 10-0-39-3 (w 7), Benjamin 9-1-64-0 (nb 1, w 9), Bishop 10-0-51-2 (w 15), Harper 6-1-31-0 (w 2), Richards 5-0-21-0.

WEST INDIES

C G Greenidge b Aaqib 48
D L Haynes b Aaqib 26
R B Richardson c Aaqib b Akram 17
†P J Dujon c and b a Malik 0
*I V A Richards run out 18
C L Hooper b Akram 18
R A Harper b S Malik 6
M D Marshall b Akram 39
W K M Benjamin c Miandad b Imran 0
C E L Ambrose b Imran 2
I R Bishop not out 0
Extras (lb 15, w 13, nb 3) 31
Total (40.4 overs) 203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-63, 3-64, 4-131, 5-131, 6-150, 7-196, 8-199, 9-202.

BOWLING: Imran 9.4-0-42-2 (nb 1, w 4), A Malik 10-1-49-2 (w 2), Akram 7-0-27-3, A Malik 4-0-20-1 (nb 2, w 7), Qadir 7-0-26-0, S Malik 3-0-22-1

Man of the match: Imran Khan.

World Series Cup

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
West Indies	7	5	2	10	4.69
Australia	6	3	3	6	4.25
Pakistan	7	2	5	4	4.16

RUGBY UNION: SCOTLAND SELECTION MUST SURELY REFLECT CLAIMS ADVANCED BY JUNIORS

MARC ASPLAND



No through road: Holland, of Glamorgan Wanderers, runs into trouble during the 18-17 win over Rosslyn Park on Saturday

Newbridge master ball skills

By Gerald Davies

Newbridge 30
Plymouth Albion 10

Newbridge, in their centenary year, are doing well with only four losses to record so far and even with Turner, their presiding influence at stand-off half, in Spain with the Welsh squad, along with his centre partner, Manley, they were entirely in command on Saturday. They won by three goals and three tries to a goal and a try.

Encouraging from the Welsh point of view is that Newbridge, like one or two other clubs — but no more — have understood what to do with the ball at ruck and maul and are beginning to develop the technique so that they retain the ball more often.

Some of the forwards, too, like Huxley and Timothy, the props, and the tall Sutton, are more agile and are able to pick up the ball from the ground with greater facility than of yore. By doing so, Sutton even managed to get a try, Newbridge's fourth. But it was Griffiths and Taylor in the back row who were largely influential in putting down the visitors.

Richards had put them in the lead with a try after 90 seconds. Smith and Lewis scored the other two. Then Taylor came off the back of the lineout, swiftly followed by his scrum half, Lewis, and when he was stopped and laid the ball back on the floor, Sutton came down from his great height and swooped up with the ball to dive over. It was a lovely try. Hill converted two of these.

Plymouth enjoyed a good spell between the ninth and twentieth minutes of the second half. A good threequarter movement saw Turton come into the line in midfield and go over clearly and almost untouched.

Then, as the home team were about to start an attack in their own half, Wright intercepted the ball to run 30 metres for a try. Cundy converted the first of these. Finally, after a threequarter passing movement, Phillips ran straight at the opposition and, with a swerve and side-step, left the defence grasping air as he shot off the mark for his fifteenth try of the season.

SCORERS: Newbridge: Tries: A Richards, R Smith, R Lewis, A Sutton, H Taylor, C Philips. Conversions: S Hill (3). Plymouth Albion: Tries: K Turton, N Wright. Conversion: D Cundy.

NEWBRIDGE: S Hill; A Richards, C Spowart, S Williams, C Phillips; P Thomas, R Lewis; L Timothy, G Davies, T Huxley, K Dunn, R Smith, A Sutton, S Griffiths, H Taylor.

PLYMOUTH ALBION: K Turton; S Walklin, B Vallance, N Leonard, B Penfold; D Cundy, C Read; C Hocking, B Priday, N Saunders, R Bailey, I Harrison, I Russell, N Wright (Rep, M Slade), I Gregory.

Referee: D Cherry (Brecon).

Bath look out on a horizon that is blue and limitless

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Bath 35
Cardiff 4

It was a mild, spring-like afternoon at the Recreation Ground on Saturday, though I dare say a wintry chill settled on the Cardiff committee men who watched their famous club go the way of all but two others who have played Bath this season — beaten, in this instance, by four goals, two tries and a penalty goal to a try.

Their limited consolation was that they could scarcely have expected anything else, given an absentee list stretched to 17 by the late withdrawal of Phillips and Roberts, both international forwards. Nor did their youngsters give up the ghost against a Bath team in relaxed mood, whose back play was at times a joy to watch but who did not press home their advantage in the relentless way they will do in the league at Liverpool this coming Saturday.

Victory there will all but ensure the Courage Clubs Championship, even before their four-day break and half-term assessment in Lanzarote the following weekend. Since Bath are also due today to announce details of the first overall sponsor for the club, there seem few limits at present to what is, in any case, an unbeaten season.

The presence of Derek Quinnell, a British Lions selector, added spice to Saturday's occasion. He may have been doing his former international colleagues who are now Welsh selectors a favour by keeping a watching brief on Collins, the Cardiff flanker who, with Greenslade, Crothers, the acting captain, and Crandon, was among the few Welshmen to feature; more likely he was checking upon those whom England (who have a quartet of Bath players with them) omitted from their party in the Algarve, notably Hall, Guscott and, in the light of Jonathan Davies's departure, Barnes.

The Bath captain and stand-off half ended the match in the first-aid room requiring five stitches in a head wound but his try, Bath's last, bore his familiar trademark, the stabbing blind-side run from a scrum. His kicking was poised and his interplay with Guscott immensely enjoyable, though allowance should be made for the inexperience of Cardiff's defence.

Guscott is developing an arrogance in his running from Bath's centre which promises well and Lumsden provides an admirable foil with his remarkable strength and athleticism. At present Lumsden, who scored a try in each half, is being used at full back, where Bath have another developing young player in Hobbs, the England Student representative; the club may be tempted to move Lumsden to the wing so that both can be accommodated.

Bath, who came to dominate the lineout though not the scrum, led 19-0 at half-time, having scored nine points in the first six minutes. Their first try resembled a training exercise as Morrison won the lineout, Guscott broke, Withey and Dawe supported and Hall rumbled over for a try with barely a minute played.

Their second came from 70 metres as Palmer dummied his way over halfway and then linked with Lumsden and Swift, all three players handling twice before the wing scored. At times Bath looked as though they were playing sevens — not often an analogy you would use — and it is to Cardiff's credit that they managed to restrict them to six tries and to score one themselves, Cordle crossing for his seventeenth of the season from a scrum when they were 29 points in arrears.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Lumsden (2), Hall, Swift, Hill, Barnes. Conversions: Barnes (4). Penalty: Barnes. Cardiff: Try: Cordle.

BATH: A Lumsden; A Swift, J Palmer, J Guscott, F Sagoe; S Barnes (Rep, M Westcott), R Hill; S Kipling, G Dawe, R Lee, K Withey, J Morrison, N Redman, J Hall, P Simpson.

CARDIFF: C Thomas; G Cordle, S Crandon, R Sheppard, R Jones; C Miller, R Giles; A Williams, I Greenslade, S Blackmore, M Hadley, T Crothers, M Perry, R Collins, M Edwards.

Referee: A Turner (Manchester).

Dods turns on his grand slam heroics

By Alan Lorimer

Blues 24
Reds 23

Gavin Hastings will miss Scotland's first game against Wales at Murrayfield a week on Saturday. Announcing this after Saturday's national trial, the chairman of selectors, Bob Munro, said: "Hastings has had treatment for his groin strain and will receive further attention down south but will not start training again until a week on Monday."

Although Hastings will be sorely missed, Scotland are fortunate to have a capable understudy in Dods. On Saturday Dods, who won the last of his 15 caps against England three years ago, confirmed that he has lost little or none of the form that made him one of Scotland's grand slam heroes.

The Gala full back scored 20 of the Blues' 24 points. His winning try in extra time to give the Blues a 24-23 victory saved face for the selectors, whose team, to be announced tomorrow, will surely reflect the strong claims advanced by several of the junior side (Reds).

The most significant of these was that of Chalmers for the Scotland stand-off position. Worries about his lack of authority were dispelled after a confident all-round display by the Melrose player, who scored 15 points, including one of the Reds' three tries.

Chalmers enjoyed a greater supply of ball from the Reds pack, particularly in the lineout, where Cronin and, at the front, Gray showed they were the specialists, Gray also adding to his claims with a try.

There is little doubt that the Blues' front row will be picked *en bloc*. The more so in the light of Callander's retiral in the second half when he was replaced by the Hawick hooker, Hay, whose throwing in helped Cronin in the final quarter.

Paxton wassent home immediately after the game with influenza. He, however, may have done enough to regain his place and join Calder and Jeffrey in the back row.

Scott Hastings, even on little possession, was the outstanding back and scored the Blues' only other try but his inside partner, Lineen, had little opportunity to show his skills.

SCORERS: Blues: Tries: Dods, Hastings. Conversions: Dods (2). Penalties: Dods (3). Reds: Tries: Tukalo, Chalmers, Gray. Conversion: Chalmers. Penalties: Chalmers (3).

BLUES: P Dods (Gala); M Duncan (West of Scotland), S Hastings (Watsonians), S Lineen (Boroughmuir), D Stark (Ayr); D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville), G Oliver (Hawick); D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals), K Milne (Heriot's FP), I Milne (Heriot's FP, captain), A Campbell (Hawick), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), K Rafferty (Heriot's FP), D White (Gala), F Calder (Stewart's Melville).

REDS: M Wright (Kelso); I Tukalo (Selkirk), K Robertson (Melrose), R Maclean (Gloucester), M Debusk (Boroughmuir); C Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); A Brewster (Stewart's Melville), G Callander (Kelso, captain) (Rep, J Hay, Hawick), P Burnell (London Scottish), C Gray (Nottingham), D Cronin (Bath), A Buchanan-Smith (London Scottish), I Paxton (Selkirk), G Marshall (Selkirk).

Referee: B Anderson (Currie).

Homage to Hare as he graces centre stage

By Peter Dixon

Leicester 53
Headingley 7

When Paul Dodge crossed the line two minutes before half-time for Leicester's fourth try, the spell was finally broken. It was a spell woven by one W. H. Hare, MBE, who, until that point, had taken centre stage and held it for the entire half. Make no mistake, this was Dusty's day.

It seemed the entire crowd at Welford Road on Saturday had turned up to pay tribute to its favourite son in his first game at home since becoming the only player to score 7,000 points in first-class rugby.

In Hare's honour the first 30 minutes looked to have been handed over to him for a performance in which he scored the first 19 points and ran in three dummy-riddled tries in the process. The man could do no wrong.

For Headingley, hopelessly outclassed and depleted by injuries, the game was a nightmare. The entire Leicester side had caught the party mood and ran the ball from everywhere. The result was a victory by seven goals, two tries and a penalty to a try and a penalty. It could have been worse.

Leading 23-3 at the interval, Leicester increased their lead at regular intervals with tries from Grant, Smith, Evans, Wells and Tony Underwood, whose sprint from the 22-metre line showed he has the pace, if not yet the poise, of his older brother. A try by Pepper was Headingley's only consolation.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Hare (3), Dodge, Grant, Smith, Evans, Wells, Underwood. Conversions: Hare (7). Penalty: Hare. Headingley: Try: Pepper. Penalty: Hayworth.

LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evans, P Dodge, I Bates, T Underwood; L Cusworth, S Kenney; S Redfern, C Tressler, W Richardson, J Wells, M Foulkes-Arnold, T Smith, I Smith, M Grant.

HEADINGLEY: P Swales; M Joyce, P Johnson, M Kirk, A Mitchell (Rep, D Lowther); J Hayworth, N Summers; P Huntman, P Selfer, A Machell, M Pepper, M Arundel, S Shortland (Rep, M Bunstone), N Lumley, N Green.

Referee: A Savage (North Midlands).

Davies's apprentice is shaping up nicely

By Bryan Stiles

Coventry 6
Llanelli 29

No sooner does the boss leave the office than a bright young upstart nips in to try his chair for size while it is still warm. The office is the one at the head of that factory in Wales where they turn out upwardly mobile whiz-kids with No. 10 stamped on their backs.

Most of them end up running the show just as Jonathan Davies has done in recent years. Little wonder then that the cocky little office boy, Colin Stephens, gave his boots an extra shine for the takeover on Saturday. Even the television cameras recorded the occasion.

He has popped into the office a number of times this season while the guvnor has been off at some international convention or other. But with Davies having pulled off his biggest deal and left the business altogether, Stephens fancies his chances at the helm. He must have been one of the few Welshmen to have welcomed the visit from the headhunters of Widnes.

Although Stephens, at 19, does not quite fit the boss's chair yet, his precocious talent gleams. Against Coventry, he created the first try with a burst of acceleration, a grubber kick, and a neatly-timed pass to send in Phillips. He also had a hand in several other good moves as Llanelli won by one goal, five tries and a penalty to two penalties, but he failed with five of six kicks at goal.

Coventry often enjoyed a marked territorial advantage, thanks to some fine lineout work. They just could not make the final breakthrough.

SCORERS: Coventry: Penalties: Fairn (2). Llanelli: Tries: Phillips, Lewis, J Williams (2), Griffiths, Bowling. Conversion: May. Penalty: Stephens.

COVENTRY: M Fairn; L McKenzie, J Graham, C Meclord, M Wishean; R Rowan, A Savage; A Roda, G Sharp, M Hobley, P Rowland, T Gulliver, C Hall, K Hickey, D Travers.

LLANELLI: P Williams; A Morgan, S Bowling, S Davies, A Phillips; C Stephens, M Griffiths, T Buchanan, E James, S Gale, G Jones, P May, A Bateman, E Lewis, J Williams.

Referee: I Bullerwell (East Midlands).

SKIING

Swiss are rescued by Hangl

From Iain Macleod
Laax, Switzerland

Martin Hangl, one of the lesser lights of the Swiss team, yesterday came to the rescue of his country, which was in desperate need of solace after Friday's debacle in the World Cup men's downhill here.

Hangl, whose overall World Cup ranking is 62nd place, won the second super giant slalom of the season when he completed the 37 gates of the 2,000-metre course in 1min 16.14sec.

He was over half a second ahead of the Austrians Hans Enn and Helmut Mayer, who were second and third respectively. Another Swiss, Pirmin Zurbriggen, finished fourth to extend his lead in the overall competition to 39 points.

Fog, which put paid to Saturday's downhill here, almost forced the abandonment of yesterday's race.

RESULTS: Super giant slalom: 1, M Hangl (Switz) 1min 16.14sec; 2, H Enn (Austria), 1 16.48; 3, H Mayer (Austria), 1 16.80; 4, P Zurbriggen (Switz) 1 16.92; 5, A Tomba (It) 1 17.01; 6, G Mader (Austria) 1 17.24; 7, F Piccard (Fr), 1 17.25; 8, H Strolz (Austria), 1 17.31; 9, M Eder (WG), 1 17.45; 10, L-B Eriksson (Swe) 1 17.59; 11, P Runggaldier (It) 1 17.55; 12, L Stock (Austria) 1 17.82; 13, P Mueller (Switz), 1 17.83; 14, M Girardelli (Lux) 1 17.84; 15, H Holzer (It) 1 17.95. British: 59, M Bell, 1 21.41; 68, R Duncan, 1 23.42, G Bell, disq. Leading super giant slalom positions: 1, Zurbriggen, 37pts; 2, Piccard, 29; 3, Hangl, 25. World Cup positions: 1, Zurbriggen, 140; 2, Girardelli, 107; 3, H Hoeflehner (Austria) 77; 4, A Bittner (WG), 69; 5, Stock 64; 6, Tomba, 63.

Twin triumph for Schneider

Mellau, Austria (Agencies) — Vreni Schneider's phenomenal run of form continued here yesterday when she won her seventh World Cup race in a row, and her third in as many days. Victory in the slalom earned her the World Cup title in that discipline.

The Swiss double Olympic champion was helped by Tamara McKinney's fall in the second leg after the American set the fastest time in the first. On Saturday, Schneider ensured overall victory in the super giant slalom with a win on the Schwarzenberg course.

RESULTS: Giant slalom (Saturday): 1, V Schneider (Switz), 2min 16.75sec; 2, U Maier (Austria), 2 17.24; 3, C Merle (Fr), 2 17.50; 4, M Svet (Yug), 2 17.67; 5, S Eder (Austria), 2 18.37; 6, S Wolf (Austria), 2 19.03; 7, M Walliser (Switz), 2 19.23; 8, M Gerg (WG), 2 19.32; 9, K Percy (Can), 2 19.34; 10, T Haechler (WG) 2 19.37; 11, I Salvenmoser (Austria) 2 19.40; 12, Z Haas (Switz), 2 19.46; 13, C Guignard (Fr), 2 15.60; 14, C Nilsson (Swe), 2 19.76; 15, T McKinney (US), 2 19.82. Slalom (Sunday): 1, Schneider, 1 46.12; 2, Svet, 1 46.40; 3, P Chauvet (Fr), 1 46.99; 4, V Sarec (Yug) 1 47.11; 5, M Maierhofer (Austria), 1 47.68; 6, C von Gruenigen (Switz), 1 48.18; 7, A Gersch (WG) 1 48.37; 8, A Wachter (Austria) 1 48.43; 9, Salvenmoser, 1 48.51; equal 10, Percy and B Cerni (Switz), 1 48.95; 12, C Guignard (Fr), 1 49.32; 13, Nilsson, 1 49.55; 14, D Tlaska-Mogore (Fr), 1 49.69; 15, H Voelker (US) 1 50.02. Leading giant slalom positions: 1, Schneider, 100pts; 2, Maier, 55; 3, Svet, 54. Leading slalom positions: 1, Schneider, 100; 2, Maierhofer, 43; 3, von Gruenigen 31. Leading World Cup positions: 1, Schneider 232; 2, Maier, 118; 3, Svet, 84; 4, Merle, 72; 5, Wachter, 70; 6, Walliser, 65.

TENNIS

Juniors' schooling not yet complete

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Sarah Bentley, of Lincoln, aged 15, and Jonathan Haycock, of Banstead, 16, both seeded fifth, won the singles titles in the Prudential British junior championships, for players aged 18 or under, at Queen's Club on Saturday. Played indoors, this was the first of three such championships. The others are contested on shale and grass.

To round off the players' competitive education, there should be a fourth tournament, on hard courts, difficult though it would be to find a suitable venue and fit an additional event into the calendar. The junior tournaments should also be a points-linked series producing an overall champion.

As the ages of the new champions suggest, some players in the 18-and-under category have moved up from national junior events. This is a consequence of changes within the professional game in the past 20 years. In future, 16-and-under events may be the most genuine of national junior championships.

At 16 or 17 players are not physically mature but, technically, should be sufficiently polished to justify increasing emphasis on physical training, strategy, tactics and the stiffest international competition available.

Unfortunately, most British players of that age still have technical deficiencies: for example, Bentley's service. Moreover, they tend to play shots in isolation, rather than as components of the shot-sequences that create openings for winners. Often, there is a related naivety in anticipating their opponents' intentions.

Bentley and Haycock, slightly older than the runners-up, have been lucky in their coaches. Bentley's London digs and college studies cost her parents more than £7,000 a year but she benefits from free court time and coaching — mostly from Sue Barker — at David Lloyd's Heston club.

Haycock is coached by Robin Drysdale at the Surrey Tennis and Country Club, Wallington, and is also sporadically advised by Mark Cox. Should he acquire a forehand as good as Cox's and a backhand as good as Drysdale's, Haycock will be a formidable player.

Already he is a fluent shot-maker with the wit to sense and exploit half-chances. Haycock beat John Barton, of Buckhurst Hill, by 6-0, 7-5. Bentley, whose two-fisted backhand carries more punch than most, beat the unseeded Caroline Herbert, of Potters Bar, by 6-3, 6-4.

Next month the Lawn Tennis Association will dispatch Bentley and three other players in the 16-and-under category to South America, to play four junior tournaments in as many countries. That will do the youngsters good. Clay-court tennis in South America is formidably educational.

RESULTS: Girls' singles, final: S Bentley (Lincs) bt C Herbert (Herts), 6-3, 6-4. Boys' Singles final: J Haycock (Surrey) bt J Barton (Essex), 6-0, 7-5. Girls Doubles Final: H Lockhart and M Mair (East of Scotland) bt V Graeme-Barber (Cambs) and C Hall (Dorset), 6-0, 6-4. Boy's Doubles Final: Haycock and A Foster (Staffs) bt Barton and M Cornish (Somerset), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

CYCLING

Tonic for sick Douce

By Peter Bryan

Steve Douce, an influenza victim, ignored the suggestion of his Raleigh team manager, Paul Sherwen, not to ride and won, for the sixth time, the British cyclo-cross title at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday.

Aware that an over-the-counter remedy from a chemist would have probably resulted in a positive drugs test, he raced without treatment. A crash made his day further uncomfortable but, once remounted, he began the slow process of rejoining the leaders, which he accomplished with six of the 12-mile race covered at Sutton Park.

David Baker, the new professional this season, was among those who made the pace a fast one from the start but like Douce was the victim of a fall. It was his ability to master the log "jumps" which took Douce clear from the London champion, the amateur, Barrie Clarke, in the last 200 yards to win by three seconds.

The injured Baker trailed in fifth, concerned whether he would be fit enough to resume training for the world professional championship on January 29 in France.

RESULT: Falcon National Open championship: (12 miles): 1, S Douce (Raleigh-Banana), 1hr 9min 49sec; 2, B Clarke (Wembley RC), at 3sec; 3, T Gould (Cycles Peugeot), at 23sec; 4, S Barnes (Ace RT), at 1min 19sec; 5, D Baker (Cycles Peugeot), at 1min 53sec; 6, C Young (Paragon RT), at 3min 17sec. Team: Ace RT, 41pts; 2, VC Oldham, 83; 3, Norton Wheelers, 91. Junior: (eight miles): 1, L Fereday (Brook CC), 47min 16sec; 2, J Pemberton (Bolsover Wheelers), at 10sec; 3, R Hammond (Wembley RC), at 26sec. Team: Bolsover Wheelers.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

SCOTTISH TRIAL

Blues 24 Reds 23
(Murrayfield)

CLUB MATCHES

Bath	35	Cardiff	4
Bedford	17	Wakefield	13
Blackheath	29	Lichfield	4
Bridgend	19	Newport	15
Bristol	48	London Welsh	8
Cheltenham	22	Torquay	12
Coventry	6	Llanelli	29
Dunfermline	18	Ayr	10
Durham	13	Boroughmuir	27
Edinburgh Acad	7	Kelso	3
Exeter	31	Devonport S	7
Fylde	44	Birkenhead Park	9
Glasgow H/K	52	Stewart's Mel FP	3
Gloucester	20	London Scottish	12
Gosforth	25	Liverpool St H	12
Harlequins	29	Wasps	10
Harrogate	16	Winnington Park	12
Hartlepool R	12	Sheffield	23
Hawick	28	Langholm	9
Kendal	30	Preston Grshprs	7
Leicester	53	Headingley	7
London Irish	15	Nottingham	21
Lydney	68	Oxford	13
Morley	15	Orrell	26
Moseley	31	W Hartlepool	16
Neath	56	Ebbw Vale	3
Newbridge	30	Plymouth Albion	10
New Brighton	12	Broughton Park	27
Northern	20	Middlesbrough	4
Nuneaton	10	Pontypool	19
Otley	22	Stourbridge	17
Penarth	3	Abertillery	27
Pontypridd	36	Cross Keys	11
Richmond	25	S Wales Police	19
Rosslyn Park	17	Glamorgan W	18
Roundhay	34	Vale of Lune	16
Sale	6	Waterloo	15
Saracens	24	Rugby	7
Stroud	23	Bridgwater	14
Swansea	17	Aberavon	19
US Portsmouth	9	Met Police	16
Weston-s-Mare	22	Birmingham	8

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Askeans 6, Havant 13; Maidstone 17, Thurrock 0; Woodford 22, Sutton and Epsom 13. Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: High Wycombe 12, Henley 11; Reading 23, Newbury 9, Salisbury 23, Abbey 4. Fullers Middlesex Merit Table: Centaurs 10, Osterley 12; Civil Service 15, Twickenham 38; Finchley 12, Uxbridge 3; Hendon 38, Hampstead 7. Sudbury Court 13, Mill Hill 19. Hunting Gates Hertfordshire Merit Table: Old Verulamians 22, Hemel Hempstead 13. British Car Auctions Old Boys Merit Table: KCS Old Boys 12, Old Merchant Taylors 12; Old Freemans 41, Old Epsomians 3; Old Haberdashers 4, Old Millhillians 13; Old Juddians 22, Old Reigatians 6; Old Surbitonians 3, Old Guildfordians 62. Club matches: Bacavians 9, Biggleswade 26; Bancroft 10, Romford and Gidea Park 30; Barnet 7, Tabard 17; Basingstoke 37, Stockwood Park 24; Battersea Ironsides 16, Quintin 10; Beaconsfield 25, Bletchley 8; Bec Old Boys 32, Lloyds Bank 7, Bedford Athletic 8, Harrow 3; Brentwood 50, East London 4; Brighton 18, Hastings 7; Bromley 19, NatWest Bank 9; Camberley 21, Redingensians 6; Charlton Park 16, Erith 6; Chelmsford 12, Old Westcliffians 15; Cheshunt 36, Chingford 3; Chichester 19, Dorking 22; Chinnor 6, Slough 6; Civil Service 15, Twickenham 38; Colchester 6, Bishop's Stortford 55, Crawley 16, Winchester 8; Darenth Valley 16, Blackheath XV 7, Diss 3, Lakenham Hewett 6; Dover 22, Canterbury 10; Downham Market 4, Wymondham 48; Drifters 23, Gosford All Blacks 7; East Grinstead 13, Eton Manor 13; Eastleigh 12, Bournemouth 18; Effingham 12, Wimbledon 22; Esher 15, Guildford and Godalming 14; Esso 10, Swanage and Wareham 21; Folkestone 10, Betteshanger CW 7; Fullerians 10, Welwyn 21; Gravesend 16, Blackheathens 40; Greenwich 9, Old Croydonians 9; Harlow 14, Saracens Crusaders 21; Harpenden 6, Kingsburians 20; Haywards Heath 17, Cranleigh 28; Hertford 11, Aylesbury 18; Hitchin 10, Haringey 20; Ilford Wanderers 12, Wanstead 7; Ipswich 35, Bury St Edmunds 6, Luton 14, Chiltern 16; Maidenhead 16, Leighton Buzzard 12; Medway 39, Old Shooterhillians 6; Midland Bank 4, Beckenham 42; North Walsham 55, Saffron Walden 12; Norwich 25, Cambridge 6; Orpington 0, Bexley 28; Old Beccehamians 9, Old Meadonians 6; Old Bevonians 22, Law Society 11; Old Blues 6, London NZ 57; Old Colfeians 26, Old Emanuel 12; Old Edwardians (Romford) 74, Old Ignatians 3; Old Elizabethans (Barnet) 10, Albanians 3; Old Elthamians 12, Old Wimbledonians 10; Old Gaytonians 18, Marlow 14; Old Isleworthians 21, London French 15; Old Paulines 20, Old Hamptonians 6; Old Reedonians 0, John Fisher Old Boys 28; Old Walcountians 9, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 6; Old Westcliffians Ex A 44, Rayleigh 0; Orleans FP 25, Old Pelhamians 0, Oxford Marathon 18, Abingdon 0; Oxford Nomads 9, Buckingham 12, Oxford Old Boys 4, Ealing 24; Park House 13, Old Brockleians 18; Petersfield 24, Isle of Wight 12; Phoenix 21, Farnborough 12; Pinner and Grammarians 6, Roxeth Manor 15; Purley 13, Warlingham 3; Sidcup 12, Old Alleynians 15; Southend 17, Lewes 15; UCS Old Boys 21, Sheen Old Grammarians 8; Worthing 45, Ruislip 9.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Alcester 18, Coventry Technical College 4; Barker's Butts 20, Old Leamingtonians 3; Belgrave 19, Lutterworth 17; Birstall 7, Sleaford 24; Broad Street 32, Wigston 18; Buxton 23, Linley 6; Camp Hill 22, West Midlands Police 21; Cannock 6, Trentham 36; Coalville 38, Dunlop 9; Coventry Saracens 13, Trinity Guild 15; Daventry 42, Dunstablians 0; Droitwich 17, Newport 23; Dudley Kingswinford 21, Moseley 8 28; Earlsdon 21, South Leicester 7; Edwardians 3, Kings Norton 26; Evesham 10, Tamworth 19; Gainsborough 18, Doncaster Dragons 11; Halifax Vandals 7, East Retford 3; Hanbury 9, Old Wheatleyans 20; Kenilworth 25, Bridgnorth 15; Keresley 27, Telford 7; Kettering 18, Old Northamptonians 8; Kibworth 0, Aylestone St James 24; Kidderminster Carolians 14, Aston OE 27; Leamington 4, Derby 10; Loughborough 3, Melton 20; Manor Park 7, Bedworth 2; Mansfield 28, Syston 4; Market Bosworth 18, Old Ashbeians 10; Matlock 14, Burton 18; Melton Mowbray 9, Amber Valley 10; Newark 39, Moderns 3; Newbold 17, Coventry Welsh 10; North Kesteven 3, Kesteven 11; Oadby Wyggestonians 13, Old Saltleians 8; Old Centrals 7, Woodrush 20; Old Halesonians 18, Bournville 8; Old Laurentians 12, GEC Coventry 11; Olney 19, Long Buckby 12; Old Newtonians 6, Old Bosworthians 6; Otley 23, Stourbridge 17; Peterborough 15, Old Centrals 9; Redditch 34, Sally Oak 20; Southorpe 27, Lincoln 3; Shrewsbury 22, Newtown 17; Southam 45, Pinley 0; Southwell 17, Market Rasen 6; Spalding 3, Stamford 24; Spartans 29, Veseyans 7; Stafford 33, Old Longtonians 3; Stewart and Lloyds 9, Towcestrians 13; Stoneygate 12, Bromsgrove 9; Sutton Coldfield 30, Westleigh 15; Upton upon Severn 18, Shipston 13; Vipers 38, Banbury 7; Wednesbury 19, Birmingham Civil Service 6; West Bridgford 12, Weston 7; Willenhall 12, Handsworth 0; Worcester 0, Streatham/Croydon 10; Wulfrun 0, Rubery Owen 10.

NORTH: Yorkshire Shield: First round: Ackam 16, Redcar 0, Castleford 10, Bradford Salem 12; Cleckheaton 38, Rodillians 3; Driffield 32, Ilkley 0; Heath 15, York RI 16; Hessle 6, Wath-on-Dearne 7; Huddersfield YMCA 7, Sheffield Tigers 3; Leodiensians 7, North Ribblesdale 12; Malton and Norton 13, Doncaster 18, Marist 11, Wheatley Hills 6; Moortown 4, Knottingley 3; Old Modernians 9, Bridlington 21; Old Otliensians 0, West Leeds 0; Roundhegians 32, Ionians 13; Ripon 3, West Park Bramhope 15; Scarborough 8, Goole 15. Club matches: Alnwick 15, Ashington 7; Aspull 12, Fleetwood 16; Barnsley 6, Beverley 24, Bradford and Bingley 49, Wilmslow 0; Bramley 12, Pontefract 12; Burnage 9, Newton-le-Willows 3; Chesterfield 3, Thornensians 16; Darlington 0, Wigton 49; Eccles 6, Bury 9; Gateshead Fell 13, Jed-Forest 21; Halifax 30, Chester 3, Hartlepool 4, Sunderland 13; Horden 44, Percy Park 6, Huddersfield 12, Hull and ER 18; Hullensians 22, Burley 0; Keighley 3, York 3; Leigh 3, Sedgley Park 3; Macclesfield 37, Heaton Moor 3; Northallerton 13, Leeds CSSA 6; North Durham 6, Darlington RA 0; Novocastrians 22, Ryton 10, Old Crossleyans 30, Hemsworth 6; Old Rishworthians 12, Leeds Corinthians 0; Ossett 18, Leeds YMCA 6; Pocklington 7, Yarnbury 28, Ponteland 8, Blyth 29; Rochdale 4, Brodleians 28; Rockcliff 8, Blaydon 3; Sandal 34, Pannal 13; Sandbach 17, Newcastle 10; Seghill 28, Medicals 10; Selby 9, Stockton 15; Skipton 9, Wetherby 12; Stocksbridge 6, Yorkshire CW 11, Wallsend 9, Winlaton 6, Warrington 12, De La Salle 4; Wensleydale 9, Otley Saracens 27; Westoe 9, Aspatria 27, West Park 11, Davenport 17; Wharfedale 31, Wigan 23; Widnes 29, Manchester 0; Worksop 38, Grimsby 9.

WEST: Cornwall Cup: Third round: Hayle 11, St Austell 4, Hogan Park 8, Camborne 19; Penryn 0, St Ives 7. Cornwall Plate: First round: Bodmin 22, Redruth Albany 10; Saltash 16, St Agnes 4. Club matches: Avon 19, Old Colstonians 6; Avonmouth 12, Whitehall 8; Avonvale 7, Backwell 7, Bath OE 4, Corsham 22; Bideford 12, Sidmouth 19; Bishopston 10, St Bernadette's Old Boys 17, Bristol Saracens 26, Barton Hill 3; Brixham 42, Clifton 18; Cheddar 30, Morganians 0; Chippenham 4, Bristol Harlequins 10; Chipping Sodbury 27, Aretians 7, Clevedon 4, Drybrook 4, Cotham Park 22, Frampton Cotterell 19; Crediton 15, Launceston 18; Dings Crusaders 9, Berry Hill 10; Dorchester 18, Wimborne 16; Frome 9, Old Culverhaysians 15, Heston 13, Truro 15, Hornets 28, Old Elizabethans 12, Imperial 0, Bristol Telephones 13; Midsomer Norton 18, Bath Spartans 34, Minchinhampton 4, Coney Hill 34; North Petherton 10, Minehead 10; Okehampton 55, Newton Abbot 6, Old Redcliffians 22, Keynsham 12, Oldfield 24, BAC 4, Paignton 23, Civil Service 9; Penryn 0, St Ives 7, Penzance-Newlyn 6, Redruth 44; Plymouth Albion Extras 12, Newquay Hornets 12; St Mary's Old Boys 18, Gordano 7; South West Gas 8, Bristol Saracens United 9; Stothert and Pitt 10, Wootton Bassett 14; Taunton 50, Falmouth 3, Teignmouth 14, Avon and Somerset Police 14, Tiverton 22, Exeter Saracens 16, Trowbridge 12, Taunton United 12.

IRELAND: Ulster: Senior Club: Dungannon 9, St Mary's College 3, Academy 10, Bangor 13, City of Derry 23, Instonians 10; CIYMS 20, Clontarf 28, Collegians 6, Old Wesley 15, Queen's University 28, Victoria (Aus) 27. Leinster: Senior Club: DLSP 19, Malone 24; Terenure College 15, Ballymena 9, Wanderers 41, NIFC 24; Greystones 30, Ards 16, Bective Rangers 20, Northampton 15, Blackrock College 8, Young Munster 16, University College Dublin 26, Lansdowne 25. Munster: Senior League: Waterpark 0, University College Cork 43. Senior Club: Bohemians 4, Dolphin 32; Sunday's Well 20, Skerries 6.

SCOTLAND: Border League: Hawick 26, Langholm 9. Club matches: Aberdeen GSFP 38, Montrose 3, Aberdeen Wanderers-Academicals 0, Aberdeenshire 6, Allan Glens 3, Cumbernauld 21, Annan 23, Stewarty 12; Berwick 23, Duns 0; Biggar 23, Grangemouth 9; Blantyre HSFP 0, Stobswell 7, Broughton 4, Trinity Academicals 24, Cambuslang 10, Kirkcaldy 20, Clarkston 10, Morpeth 19; Dalziel HSFP 11, Glasgow Academicals 12, Dumfries 6, Gala Star 6; Dundee HSFP 38, Panmure 0; East Kilbride 19, Ardrossan Academicals 12, Ganoch 0, Banff 0, Gordonians 48, Madras College FP 4; Greenock Wanderers 21, Lenzie 19; Hawick Harlequins 26, North Berwick 6; Hawick YM 30, Glenrothes 15, Highland 34, Moray 3; Howe of Fife 4, Selkirk 16, Hutchesons 8, Carnoustie Panmure 12; Kilmarnock 24, Wigtonshire 8; Ross Academicals 10, Muirhead/Jordanhill 15; Morgan Academy FP 12, Gala 42, Musselburgh 12, Melrose 38; Perthshire 42, Lismore 3, Portobello FP 18, Royal High 6; Preston Lodge 31, Corstorphine 0; Ross High 3, Penicuik 14, Stirling County 50, Watsonians 0; West of Scotland 32, Edinburgh Wanderers 27.

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL: Scotland 6, Wales 13.

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Roll-A-Joint to collect again

By Mandarin

Roll-A-Joint, who has taken on a new lease of life since joining Chris Popham in the autumn, can stamp himself as a live outsider for the Seagram Grand National by landing the Johnny Clay Memorial Chase at Chepstow today.

Bought out of Graham Thorner's yard for 6,000 guineas, Roll-A-Joint made a successful first appearance for his new connections when beating a moderate field at Taunton 11 days ago.

That was the gelding's first victory for three seasons and, after the race, Popham modestly put the improvement down to a change of scenery. Interestingly, the Taunton trainer added that Roll-A-Joint had been working exceptionally well at home with his talented chaser, Panto Prince.

Popham would like to run his lightly-raced 11-year-old at Aintree but is worried that he will be eliminated off his current mark and desperately wants to win a couple more races and catch the handicapper's eye.

Roll-A-Joint's Taunton win was over three miles but he has a course and distance victory on soft ground to his credit three seasons ago and receives plenty of weight from Cool Ground and Rausal, who look the main dangers.

Rhoecus, a winner on the same Taunton card, should prove too good at the weights for Hiz in the Pheasant Handicap Chase. The latter is penalized 5lb for his New Year's Day success at Devon & Exeter.

Formerly with the Dickinsons at Harewood, Rhoecus ran some fine races in defeat for Bryan Smart last season and was not winning out of turn at the Somerset track.

Guiburn's Nephew, a faller when favourite at Devon on his latest outing, had previously chased home the Champion Hurdle-bound Wishlon at Newbury and has a clear chance in the second division of the Rabbit Novices' Hurdle if reproducing that run.

Dutch Call, a clear-cut winner of a similar race at Huntingdon on Boxing Day, makes most appeal in the first division.

Funchen View, an unlucky loser at Wolverhampton just after Christmas, can make a successful return to the Midlands track in the Cement City Challenge Cup.

Sue Wilton's nine-year-old held a decisive lead at the last when unseating Steve Smith Eccles and is evidently well-suited by this course, having won over course and distance in November.

Elegant Isle, who made an impressive debut over fences at Chepstow on Welsh National day, is hard to oppose in the Bescot Novices' Chase.

Peter Scudamore, who rides Elegant Isle, partners Stratford winner Battalion in the second division of the Bridgnorth Novices' Hurdle but marginal preference here is for the improving Weetmans Wagon, whose Boxing Day victory here was gained in handicap company.

For the day's best, though, **Abbeydore** is taken to follow up his popular Hereford victory 10 days ago in the Gorsebrook Handicap Hurdle.

Gerald Powell's improving seven-year-old beat Thursday's Haydock winner, Mists Of Time, by 1½ lengths at his local track and had previously run another sound race when third to two subsequent winners, Afaristoun and Rusty Roc, at Ludlow.

He holds Well Covered on that running and, on a line through that horse, also has the measure of Lontano.

Dwyer has week to remember

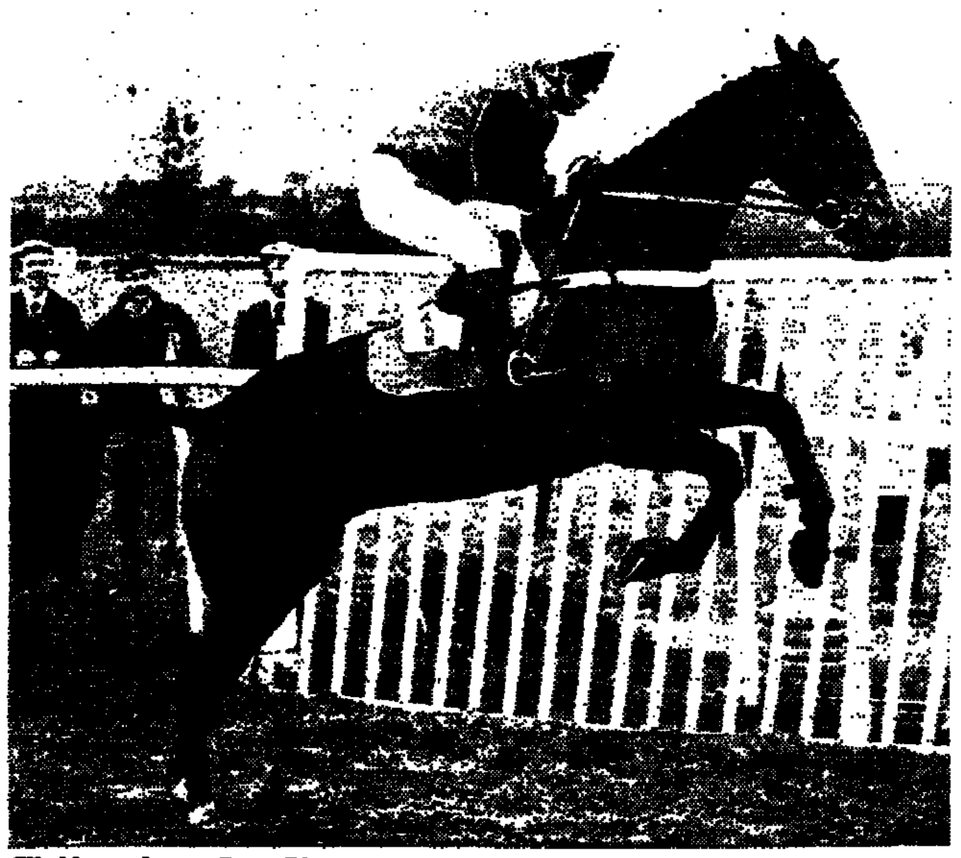
Mark Dwyer crowned a 10-winner week by snatching a narrow victory on Proud Pilgrim in the Birchall Leasing Handicap Chase at Haydock Park on Saturday.

The William Hill Scottish National at Ayr in April is Proud Pilgrim's objective, but before that he will probably return to Haydock for the Greenall Whitley Chase.

Proud Pilgrim was also Jimmy Fitzgerald's seventh winner of the week and the Malton trainer said: "I'd have had an even better week if I hadn't had three fallers."

Earlier, in the absence of Fitzgerald's Sip Of Orange, Dwyer partnered Maelkar for Jonjo O'Neill in the Birchall Leasing Handicap Hurdle and gave the former champion jockey his sixteenth success of the season — one better than his total for the whole of last term.

The impressive winner is now likely to head south for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on February 11.



ED BYRNE

Climbing to the top: Jenny Pitman's rising star Golden Freeze (Mark Pitman) on his way to an exciting 15-length victory in the Warwick Premier Chase on Saturday

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Nuns Royal. 1.30 Rhoecus. 2.00 Only Trouble. 2.30 Dutch Call. 3.00 Roll-A-Joint. 3.30 Guiburn's Nephew.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 Cool Ground.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 COOL GROUND.

Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

1.0 DUCK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,310: 2m) (23 runners)

1 06-26P6 PHAROAH'S TREASURE 20 (CD,BF,F,S) (R Starke) G Ham 8-12-0 S Mackey (4) 96
2 65/191- MISTY MIRAGE 245 (D,S) (E Shenton) D Burchell 9-11-5 S Davies 94
3 P0/ BRICKEY RANGER 744 (D,S) (Mrs V Teal) Mrs V Teal 12-11-2 Jacqui Hayes —
4 PPF-005 TORY HILL LAD 10 (D,S) (J Fox) J Fox 9-10-12 S Fox (8) 96
5 5300-0F NUNS ROYAL 13 (S) (R Williams) J Bradley 5-10-11 D Williams (8) 98
6 FP000-P LING 3 (D,V,G,S) (C Holmes) C Holmes 11-10-9 Karen Dixon (8) —
7 0-50 GALAXY KRIS 11 (D Wintle) D Wintle 6-10-7 P McDermott (4) —
8 641205/ NOBLE PATROL 997 (D,S) (C James) C James 15-10-5 D Curtis (8) —
9 4-040P0 RAGTIME SOLO 11 (B,D,S) (P Harris) R Hodges 5-10-5 W Irvine 94
10 046/P00 INDIAN PONY 13 (Pauseroy Ltd) B Stevens 10-10-4 M Stevens (4) —
11 4P-3064 FOREIGN KNIGHT 37 (B,D,F) (A Wakelam) R Juckes 5-10-4 A Juckes (4) —
12 06/00P-F RUSTYS SPECIAL 25 (B) (G Brown) R Brown 7-10-3 J Brown (4) 95
13 03606P TIARUM 7 (D,G,S) (M Ledbury) A Chamberlain 7-10-2 J Duffy (8) 93
14 50736/ SKIPPING TIM 2 (G Giddy) P Hobbs 10-10-2 D Hood —
15 150P46 CEDAR RUN 10 (D,F) (J Winterbourne) R Simpson 6-10-0 — ● 99
16 404P00 BEDROCK 46 (D,F) (P Davis) P Davis 6-10-0 J Railton 98
17 P-P0500 NICKEL ALLOY 11 (A Hughes) M Barraclough 5-10-0 Ann Stokell (8) —
18 FUP/60 ALMOST CAUGHT 41 (R Frost) R Frost 8-10-0 P JOhnson (4) —
19 26P/UFP RIBBLE STAR 20 (V) (A Burnham) P Butler 8-10-0 S McKeever (4) —
20 032500 BORVACALL 14 (Mrs E Grainey) W G Turner 5-10-0 S Forster (8) 98
21 8/P-FP03 INDIAN SUNRISE 11 (J Payne) J Payne 8-10-0 A Charlton 94
22 0P00/PP- DOUBLE SWING 242 (B,D,S) (J Harriman) J Harriman 8-10-0 A Price (4) —
23 0PP-350 ZINDELINA 20 (United Racing Services) D Jermy 6-10-0 P Harley (4) 93

BETTING: 9-2 Cedar Run, 4-1 Misty Mirage, 6-1 Indian Sunrise, 7-1 Nuns Royal, Pharoah's Treasure, 8-1 Skipping Tim, Tiarum, 10-1 Foreign Knight, 14-1 Borvacall, Zindelina, 16-1 Bedrock, 20-1 others.

1987: MEETING ABANDONED - COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM PHAROAH'S TREASURE was made favourite when 4th behind Lucky Blake in similar contest at Folkestone.

MISTY MIRAGE landed a gamble last season in a similar event at Hexham in good style by 2l from TWS Homes (rec 19lb). Has shown good form in handicaps.

TORY HILL LAD last of 5 behind Smartie Express (gave 17lb) over 3m at Newbury. NUNS ROYAL, successful in two sellers last season, was losing touch when falling 2 out in h'cap won by Heyfleet earlier was in need of the outing when 12th of 18 to Afaristoun.

GALAXY KRIS was never in with a chance when 7th to Battalion in novice hurdle; earlier was made favourite when 5th, beaten 32l by Matlub in a seller at Bangor. Is capable of making the frame in this moderate event.

CEDAR RUN was well supported when 6th beaten 49l in a similar contest won by Cativo (gave 9lb). INDIAN SUNRISE lacked pace when beaten 12l by Cantorial in moderate h'cap at Taunton (2m).

Selection: MISTY MIRAGE

1.30 PHEASANT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,521: 2m) (5 runners)

1 P34-U01 HIZ 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs G McFerran) T Forster 11-12-1 (5ex) H Davies 98
2 3346-41 RHOECUS 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Radbourne) B Smart 10-11-10 T Pinfield (7) ● 99
3 PP-PP0P DUNDALK BELLS 10 (B,D,S) (Mrs P Morton) T Morton 7-10-1 L Harvey 85
4 1306-0P MY PURPLE PROSE 35 (D,S) (N Dempster) J Old 8-10-0 Peter Hobbs 94
5 UP-3U32 SHOTINGO 11 (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 9-10-0 S Hodgson (7) 86

Long handicap: My Purple Prose 9-11, Shotingo 8-13.

BETTING: 5-4 Rhoecus, 13-8 Hiz, 9-2 Shotingo, 12-1 My Purple Prose, 33-1 Dundalk Bells.

FORM HIZ, who likes testing conditions, returned to form when giving weight to his rivals when winning in good style by 3l from Paddy O'Brien (rec 18lb) at Devon (2m 1f).

RHOECUS, a consistent performer, came with a late run to win by ¾l from Impany (levels) at Taunton (2m 150yd).

MY PURPLE PROSE won a novice h'cap last season when a 66-1 chance. Has yet to show her form this season. SHOTINGO, who has yet to win a race, is slowly improving. On latest start, finished 1½l 2nd to Quito Prince (gave 26lb) at Stratford (2m 6f).

Selection: RHOECUS

2.0 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,707: 2m) (10 runners)

1 664P5F CASSIO LIL 33 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Carberry) D Burchell 10-10-10 D Burchell 83
2 1000-PF GRANNY PRAY ON 12 (S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) N Mitchell 7-10-10 N Coleman —
3 040008/ IVY ROYAL 1019 (P Bomford) P Hobbs 10-10-10 D Hood (7) —
4 335-202 LYSITHEA 138 (R Heddoch) W G M Turner 8-10-10 P Holley (7) 71
5 522P-2F ONLY TROUBLE 10 (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 8-10-10 H Davies ● 99
6 320P RARE LUCK 20 (Mrs D Hammerson) P Jones 8-10-10 M Kinane —
7 40-4FR0 REGAL SANTA 11 (D,G,S) (C Hume) P Butler 9-10-10 S McKeever (7) 77
8 1002F-4 SEA FLOWER 14 (D,F) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 7-10-10 P Nicholls —
9 1200F-3 TARAHUMARA 26 (S) (Southern Caravan Group) J Gifford 7-10-10 Peter Hobbs 93
10 6P-P32P TREBLE CHANCE 20 (M Bryant) S Woodman 7-10-10 M Bosley 81

BETTING: 9-4 Tarahumara, 7-2 Only Trouble, 9-2 Sea Flower, 8-1 Ivy Royal, 12-1 Cassio Lil, 14-1 Lysithea, 16-1 Regal Santa, Treble Chance, 20-1 others.

FORM CASSIO LIL ran well in 2m h'cap won by Fu's Lady at Huntingdon, falling at the last when lying a respectable third.

GRANNY PRAY ON has some useful form over hurdles in Ireland, winning at Limerick. Fell at 16th when making some headway in a 3m 1f novice h'cap at Warwick won by Good Waters. LYSITHEA showed form earlier in the season when beaten 10l by Chalk Pit (gave 5lb) at Devon (2m).

ONLY TROUBLE won here last season but the race was declared void. Fell at 2nd on latest start but earlier just failed to hold on when beaten ¾l by Hope Cove (rec 4lb) with TARAHUMARA (levels) 3rd, beaten 5¾l, in similar event at Worcester (2m).

RARE LUCK an Irish recruit won a point-to-point and placed in a bumper. Failed to show on her English debut when down the field behind Kruggeran Smuggler at over hurdles at Folkestone.

SEA FLOWER a good performer over hurdles and recently ran well behind Robin Wonder in h'cap hdle when 20l 4th. Has to be respected despite her lack of experience over fences. TREBLE CHANCE has looked slow on her recent outings over fences.

Selection: CASSIO LIL

2.30 RABBIT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,254: 2m 4f) (17 runners)

1 21 DUTCH CALL 14 (D,S) (J Davey) J Edwards 6-11-8 Mr P Fenton ● 99
2 32F-001 YIRAGAN 35 (D,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 7-11-9 P Nicholls 94
3 10 BORDER ARCHER 62 (F) (R Wright) P Hobbs 5-11-3 N Dawe —
4 80 CELTIC WALK 39 (Mrs A Wood) T Forster 5-11-3 H Davies 80
5 36 CLOSE ESCAPE 12 (Mrs J Debenham) P Hobbs 6-11-3 Peter Hobbs 80
6 PBPF66 KINGSBRIDGE FLYER 10 (P King) A Chamberlain 7-11-3 Lorna Vincent —
7 0846P/3- KYLE WOOD 236 (BF) (Mrs B Gordon) P Jones 10-11-3 M Kinane —
8 1/53 MONKSCOMBE 14 (BF,F) (D Rose) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-3 M Pitman 87
9 MUSHTAAG 123F (F Lennon) I Wardle 5-11-3 M Williams —
10 PP NELSAC 14 (G Molen) G Ham 5-11-3 S Mackey (7) —
11 4 NIGHT SESSION 14 (J Dougall) O Sherwood 6-11-3 A S Smith (7) 92
12 65-0 THE TARTAN SPARTAN 12 (J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 5-11-3 M Lynch —
13 896062 ZABARUCCI 27 (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 7-11-3 N Coleman 89
14 P86434 ROYS DILEMMA 13 (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 7-10-12 S Hodgson (7) 93
15 8150 GLEN OAK 7 (G) (Mrs D Payne) J Roberts 4-10-11 L Harvey 91
16 31F3P LESBET 13 (F) (Mrs L Carlson) C Wildman 4-10-6 R Vaughan (7) 84
17 303 FREEMANTLE 11 (F Habbarfield) P Hobbs 4-10-6 D Hood (7) 83

BETTING: 7-2 Dutch Call, 4-1 Yiragan, Night Session, 13-2 Close Escape, 10-1 Mushtaag, 14-1 Monkscombe, 16-1 Lesbet, 20-1 Glen Oak, Freemantle, Border Archer, Zabarucci, 25-1 others.

FORM DUTCH CALL followed head 2nd in Carlisle bumper by winning on his hurdling debut by 6l from Kylemakil with MONKSCOMBE (levels) 3rd, beaten 18l, at Huntingdon. Looks likely to improve further and will be hard to beat.

YIRAGAN won a moderate novice h'cap in good style by 6l from Rosenti (rec 28lb). BORDER ARCHER failed to follow up his victory in a bumper when 8th, beaten 28l, by Fiddlers Three in moderate novice hdle at Devon.

CELTIC WALK has to improve considerably on his two outings when down the field but will appreciate today's longer trip. CLOSE ESCAPE has shown some ability; 5th staying on close home when beaten 9l by Royal Athlete (gave 7lb) at Warwick (2m).

KYLE WOOD, an Irish recruit, has shown his recent form in hunter chases. NIGHT SESSION, from a stable out of form, stayed on well in closing stages when 12½l 4th to Bronze Final (gave 7lb) at Huntingdon (2m 4f).

ZABARUCCI looks out of his depth. Failed by 10l to catch Manhattan Boy in a seller at Plumpton. ROYS DILEMMA ran well here on soft ground when leading until caught at the last flight and finishing 1l 4th to Market Forces (gave 12lb) over 2m.

FREEMANTLE has shown some ability: latest 3rd beaten 11l by Champagne Run (levels) at Taunton (2m 1f).

Selection: DUTCH CALL

3.0 JOHNNY CLAY MEMORIAL CHASE (Handicap: £3,028: 3m 6f) (14 runners)

1 UP-1524 LITTLE POLVEIR 25 (C,BF,G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 12-12-0 Mr P Fenton 96
2 1PF-43U DART OVER 25 (G,S) (P Pocock) Miss L Pocock 13-11-4 Mr G Upton (7) 94
3 U10-556 MITHRAS 38 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 11-11-3 G Landau 95
4 5-44611 COOL GROUND 14 (C,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing) N Mitchell 7-11-0 N Coleman ● 99
5 P133-21 RAUSAL 25 (S) (Mrs K Lloyd) T Bailey 10-10-11 D Tegg 96
6 603324 BORDER LAD 13 (G,S) (R Faiers) M Oliver 8-10-10 J Railton (4) 96
7 132-F81 GEATA AN UISCE 7 (F,G,S) (R Denny) T Forster 11-10-8 (4ex) L Harvey 93
8 0233-31 BRIGHT MORNING 11 (G,S) (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 11-10-1 R Millman 94
9 050P-4P OGENDEBA 18 (S) (D Sprackland) P Bailey 9-10-1 B de Haan 80
10 0800P-0 COCAINE 7 (F,S) (G Ball) W G Turner 11-10-0 G Charles-Jones —
11 36-2800 THE THIRSTY FARMER 26 (C,S) (Mrs H Read) R Holder 10-10-0 W Irvine (4) 91
12 P146-65 CLASSIC HERO 21 (S) (S Banville) G Balding 8-10-0 R Guest 91
13 4PP-5U1 ROLL-A-JOINT 11 (CD,G,S) (R Williams) C Popham 11-10-0 B Powell 97
14 F/642-FB GRETTA'S LEGACY 12 (B) (R Davies) J Old 9-10-0 — 88

Long handicap: Classic Hero 9-13, Roll-A-Joint 9-11, Gretta's Legacy 8-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Cool Ground, 4-1 Rausal, 6-1 Roll-A-Joint, 8-1 Geata An Uisce, 10-1 Little Polveir, Bright Morning, 14-1 Dart Over, Mithras, Border Lad, 16-1 others.

FORM LITTLE POLVEIR, winner of the Scottish National two seasons ago, was made favourite when staying on at one pace to be 4th, beaten 10l, to RAUSAL (rec 20lb) with DART OVER unseating his rider when behind at the 16th at Haydock (4m). Limitless stamina but has a lot of weight today.

MITHRAS is badly treated at the weights, his latest run being a well-beaten 6th behind Torside at Sandown (3m 5f). COOL GROUND, a good sort, has stamina and a turn of foot. Beat Outside Edge (gave 17lb) in good style at Newton Abbot (3m 2f); earlier beat RAUSAL (rec 1lb), who was making his seasonal debut, here by 2l (3m 3f). Can confirm the form.

BORDER LAD showed improved form when running a good race here to be 4th, beaten 45l, by Bonanza Boy (gave 1lb) in Welsh National (3m 6f). GEATA AN UISCE won a match by 2½l from Edenspring (gave 5lb) at Windsor (3m 4f).

BRIGHT MORNING was hard ridden to win by 2l from Covent Garden (rec 5lb) in moderate 4-runner event at Stratford (3m 2f). CLASSIC HERO, an Irish recruit, has not jumped well on his two outings when down the field in moderate events.

ROLL-A-JOINT has shown much-improved form since changing stables, coming home in good style by 7l from Tom's Whetstone (rec 2lb) at Taunton (3m). Should make the frame.

Selection: COOL GROUND (nap)

3.30 RABBIT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,240: 2m 4f) (20 runners)

1 40-14 TARTAN TRIX 20 (D,F) (Mrs E Boucher) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-9 M Pitman 95
2 2365-15 JOSIE SMITH 14 (CD,S) (M Fry) R Holder 5-11-4 N Coleman 96
3 8- CALLAGA 303 (Blue Chip Racing Plc) K Bailey 6-11-3 M Lynch —
4 80-6 DIRECT 80 (H Kaye) J Edwards 6-11-3 Mr P Fenton —
5 00- DRAGON'S BLOOD 280F (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 5-11-3 S Knightley —
6 0040-2 FALWORTH 96 (B) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 5-11-3 K Mooney —
7 2F GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 31 (BF) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 7-11-3 Peter Hobbs ● 99
8 0/-P6 PARK LIGHT 34 (J Brownrigg) P Hobbs 6-11-3 D Hood (7) —
9 00-1F THE HUMBLE TILLER 11 (D,BF,S) (Mrs F De Moraville) N Henderson 6-11-3 J Railton (4) 97
10 F0 YOUNG WILLIAM 59 (R Howells) P Cowley 8-11-3 S Cowley —
11 100-04 ZUMMERSET 66 (D Coombs) D Barons 7-11-3 P Nicholls 99
12 P880/-06 ABIGAIL'S GEM 14 (D Gray) R Curtis 6-10-12 G Landau —
13 3P/00-60 FIVE QUARTERS 14 (R Jefferies) Mrs A Knight 6-10-12 G Knight —
14 830 PANEL GAME 10 (Mrs J O'Connor) P Butler 5-10-12 S McKeever (7) 75
15 833540 SELF AID 14 (R Sale) J Roberts 5-10-12 L Harvey 97
16 0-30 THE PARSON'S NUN 9 (T Court) R Eckley 5-10-12 D Tegg —
17 6550 TRUE CLOWN 28 (Mrs S Orton) D Nicholson 7-10-12 B Powell 92
18 00-00 VERITATE 14 (Mrs J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 5-10-12 C Llewellyn 82
19 0 COLONEL CHINSTRAP 28 (R Dunn) P Makin 4-10-5 G Charles-Jones —
20 665 LYPHEORIC 32 (N De Savary) N Thomson 4-10-5 — 80

BETTING: Evens Guiburn's Nephew, 5-2 The Humble Tiller, 5-1 Falworth, 6-1 Tartan Trix, 12-1 Zummerset, 14-1 Josie Smith, 16-1 Self Aid, Lypheoric, True Clown, 20-1 others.

FORM TARTAN TRIX won in good style at Plumpton and then stayed on at one pace when 4th beaten 13l by Kruggeran Smuggler (rec 8lb) at Folkestone (2m 6f).

JOSIE SMITH won a seller very easily but was found out when 5th, beaten 28l, to Dickhaven in novice h'cap at Newton Abbot (2m 5f). DIRECT was always struggling on his hurdling debut when 8th to Fell Climb (rec 7lb) at Wincanton (2m 6f).

FALWORTH has been off the track since October when he showed improved form to be beaten 3l by Norman Invader at Cheltenham (2m).

GUIBURN'S NEPHEW fell at the 6th when in the lead in similar event at Devon, won by Queen's Anthem; earlier showed plenty of promise when 2nd beaten 10l by Wishlon (a leading Champion Hurdle hope) at Newbury (2m). Will be hard to beat.

THE HUMBLE TILLER fell at the 8th when going well at Stratford; earlier won a moderate event by a nk from Millpond Boy (levels) at Southwell (2m 4f).

ZUMMERSET stayed on at one pace when 4th beaten 12l by Parsons Law (gave 2lb) at Bangor (2m 4f). Has some improvement to find.

TRUE CLOWN has looked slow on both her outings, failing to quicken close home. LYPHEORIC a good performer on the Flat, looks an expensive failure at 46,000gns out of Guy Harwood's stable. Has failed to show in moderate company.

Selection: GUIBURN'S NEPHEW

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
O Sherwood	7	32	21.9
J Gifford	11	51	21.6
D Barons	13	64	20.3
N Henderson	5	25	20.0
Mrs J Pitman	11	57	19.3
T Forster	10	55	18.2

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
K Mooney	5	17	29.4
M Pitman	6	30	20.0
P Nicholls	7	43	16.3
Peter Hobbs	6	52	11.5
H Davies	7	68	10.3
B Powell	8	86	9.3

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Lesclacha. 1.45 Elegant Isle. 2.15 Funchen View. 2.45 Wont Be Gone Long. 3.15 Weetmans Wagon. 3.45 ABBEYDORE (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.15 Travel Over. 3.15 BATTALION (nap).

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

1.15 BRIDGNORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,088: 2m) (16 runners)

1 23-212 MOUNTEBOR 40 (D,G) (Mrs J Turpin) J Edwards 5-11-12 T Morgan ● 99
2 0-04314 FAIRFIELDS CONE 12 (D,S) (Mrs C Holder) R Dickin 6-11-7 M Jones (7) 94
3 50-0 FIFFA'S BOY 11 (P Jeavons) N Painting 6-11-5 A Webb —
4 5P0 GARRISON PARK 28 (E Knape) B Cambidge 6-11-5 Mr J Cambidge —
5 04-4350 PRINCE CELTIC 93 (H Insley) W Clay 5-11-5 Diane Clay (4) 76
6 0 THE PUTNEY LARK 20 (Larkhall Laboratories Plc) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 M Bowlby —
7 P-5 CAROLS BELLE 135 (C Jackson) C Jackson 6-11-0 V Slattery (7) —
8 0FP CURSNEH DECOR 18 (T Rogers) M Scudamore 7-11-0 I Lawrence (7) —
9 00 DAWN LOVE 10 (C Owens) R Hollinshead 6-11-0 R Dunwoody —
10 PF-0000 LUCY KING 14 (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 6-11-0 W Humphreys (4) —
11 P RHONDDA VENTURE 18 (Adrott Ltd) D Williams 6-11-0 —
12 313 LESCLACHA 7 (CD,S) (B Robinson) J Spearing 4-10-8 G McCourt 92
13 CORNHILL BOY 513F (D McCarthy) B McMahon 4-10-7 T Wall —
14 005 GOLFER'S SUNRISE 28 (R Taylor) K White 4-10-7 R Bevan (7) —
15 PP SELF RAISING 46 (D Davies) B Preece 4-10-7 S J O'Neill —
16 0F SHIFNAL 13 (J Lewis) A James 4-10-7 J Bryan —

BETTING: 5-4 Mountebor, 5-2 Lesclacha, 9-2 Fairfields Cone, 8-1 The Putney Lark, 12-1 Carols Belle, 16-1 Dawn Love, Prince Celtic, 20-1 others.

1987: MEETING ABANDONED - COURSE WATERLOGGED

1.45 BESCOT NOVICES CHASE (£1,801: 2m) (7 runners)

1 P03361 SOLENT LAD 7 (D,F,G,S) (D Solan) B Stevens 6-11-9 R Goldstein 77
2 10-5423 DOUBLE CALIBRE 7 (D,BF,S) (B Robinson) J Spearing 6-11-3 G McCourt 83
3 080513 LUCKY BLAKE 11 (D,BF,G,S) (C Cooper) J Jenkins 6-11-3 S Sherwood —
4 0118-16 PEARLY KING 20 (D,G,S) (W Smith) G Kindersley 6-11-3 M Lynch —
5 F4-21UP TORRE TRADER 40 (G) (N Lake) R Frost 6-11-3 J Frost —
6 6-22231 ELEGANT ISLE 13 (D,G,S) (M Lee) M Pipe 5-10-13 P Scudamore ● 99
7 4-8060F RIVER BED 13 (D,G) (R Padgham) J Edwards 5-10-7 T Morgan —

BETTING: 4-6 Elegant Isle, 9-2 Pearly King, 6-1 Double Calibre, 10-1 River Bed, 14-1 Solent Lad, 16-1 Lucky Blake, 20-1 Torre Trader.

2.15 CEMENT CITY CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,343: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 122-43 TRAVEL OVER 14 (G) (Mrs C Feather) Mrs M Dickinson 8-12-0 R Beggan 96
2 4-1U331 CROWECOPPER 20 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs M Price) B Preece 10-10-10 P Scudamore 95
3 41112P WAY UNDER 35 (D,F,G) (Lady Eliza Nugent) D Nugent 9-10-8 M Perrett 91
4 45/-0342 ARDENT SPY 13 (C,F,G,S) (G Taylor) W Clay 12-10-0 R Bevan (7) 92
5 PP4-10U FUNCHEN VIEW 13 (CD,F,S) (A1 Paper Plc) Miss S Wilton 9-10-0 J D Doyle ● 99
6 20010P/ FOXBURY 1387 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Middleton) Mrs C Middleton 15-10-0 Mr T Richards (7) —
7 P0-5604 SCALE MODEL 10 (S) (J Roper) J Roper 7-10-0 J Bryan —

Long handicap: Ardent Spy 9-11, Funchen View 9-8, Foxbury 9-7, Scale Model 8-7.

BETTING: 7-4 Travel Over, 11-4 Funchen View, 9-2 Way Under, 6-1 Crowecopper, 8-1 Ardent Spy, 20-1 Scale Model, 25-1 Foxbury.

2.45 DONINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,910: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 121342 THAR-AN-BHARR 11 (BF,F,S) (J Upson) J Costello 7-12-2 — 83
2 43-6328 WATER CANNON 9 (V,BF,S) (F Lee) F Lee 8-11-5 C Hawkins 88
3 3F22-53 TIMURS DOUBLE 20 (C,B,BF,G,S) (Lord Leverhulme) T Forster 8-11-4 C Llewellyn 90
4 3P-3F22 DEMOCRATIC BOY 13 (Miss E Knight) J King 7-10-12 P Scudamore ● 99
5 6/-543F MR FINNLEE 20 (R Brand) Mrs S Armytage 7-10-10 Gee Armytage 84
6 80UP-F5 WONT BE GONE LONG 12 (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 7-10-10 M Bowlby —
7 65332- LATE DELIVERY (BF) 249 (D Kench) K Bridgwater 7-10-7 A Webb —
8 2-4PP4P MASTER ATTORNEY 7 (B) (J Halewood) D McCain 7-10-7 Mr D McCain (7) —
9 04-0U36 SHIPMATE 28 (A Steven) T Casey 7-10-4 R Dunwoody 89
10 6-FPP39 CLEANING UP 7 (Millerian Limited) D Gandolfo 7-10-0 S McNeill 80
11 UP-056P KILMORE QUAY 4 (B) (A Rumsey) A Rumsey 11-10-0 T Wall —
12 46P0 MOORSTOWN PRIDE 11 (T Raggett) Mrs N Sharpe 7-10-0 G Mernagh —

BETTING: 9-4 Democratic Boy, 7-2 Thar-An-Bharr, 9-2 Timurs Double, 6-1 Wont Be Gone Long, 8-1 Late Delivery, 10-1 Water Cannon, 12-1 Shipmate, 14-1 others.

3.15 BRIDGNORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,088: 2m) (15 runners)

1 641 BATTALION 11 (D,G) (R Dormer) C Brooks 5-11-12 P Scudamore 96
2 P8-0231 WEETMANS WAGON 14 (CD,G) (E Weetman) B McMahon 5-11-12 T Wall 89
3 450-0 GAELGOIR 11 (D Craddock) C Jackson 5-11-5 J Bryan 73
4 0 HOME TO TARA 12 (P Kelly) Mrs J Croft 5-11-5 S Moore —
5 P0-3303 KAFARMO 21 (J Mackenzie) J Jenkins 6-11-5 S Sherwood ● 99
6 LITTLE SACY 84F (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 5-11-5 C Evans —
7 0 GEM OF GOLD 11 (B) (S Dunn) M Charles 6-11-0 P Dever —
8 4F60- IRIRI 261 (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 5-11-0 Mr J Cambidge —
9 34P-062 LEGAL COIN 20 (B Moseley) K White 5-11-0 A O'Hagan 76
10 63 RANDOM ROMANCE 37 (Mrs M Sutton) D Nicholson 6-11-0 R Dunwoody 83
11 005 BAHRAIN BRIDGE 10 (R Foster) A Ingham 4-10-7 R Arnott 95
12 654 TITUS GOLD 7 (B) (A Dickinson) Mrs M Dickinson 4-10-7 R Beggan 90
13 U00 BLUE ARIA 2 (B) (K & M Construction Ltd) B Preece 4-10-2 S J O'Neill —
14 0 BON RETOUR 19 (Al-Deera Bloodstock Ltd) D Wintle 4-10-2 W Hayes (7) —
15 FP LITTLEGOOD-LUCK 7 (Mrs S Greathead) T Greathead 4-10-2 W Humphreys (4) —

BETTING: 9-4 Battalion, 3-1 Kafarmo, 9-2 Titus Gold, 5-1 Weetmans Wagon, 8-1 Random Romance, 10-1 Bahrain Bridge, 14-1 Legal Coin, 20-1 others.

3.45 GORSEBROOK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 2m) (10 runners)

1 36-3446 SAN CARLOS 27 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 7-11-12 R Arnott 98
2 SFF684 BALUCHI 7 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Squire) B Preece 6-11-11 P Scudamore 93
3 PPP130- RYMER KING 249 (D,F,S) (G Hutsby) J Chugg 7-11-2 G Mernagh 91
4 232044 WELL COVERED 14 (F,G) (G Hamilton) R Hollinshead 8-11-0 Gary Lyons (7) 89
5 011/019 LONTANO 9 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Jones) F Lee 7-11-0 C Hawkins 88
6 66-0031 ABBEYDORE 10 (D,G,S) (G Powell) G Powell 7-10-8 T Morgan 95
7 3534/6-P CRUDEN BAY 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs B Burgess) P Felgate 9-10-3 S Johnson —
8 8P585-0 STUMBLE 30 (D,G) (J Cowan) J Mackie 5-10-0 S J O'Neill ● 99
9 0/41F-00 ORARION 12 (D,G,S) (B Lewis) C Trietline 7-10-0 W Humphreys (4) 96
10 312411 BELOW ZERO 11 (D,G) (V Dolan) L Codd 6-10-0 P McDermott (7) 92

Long handicap: Orarion 9-11, Below Zero 9-10.

BETTING: 7-2 Abbeydore, 4-1 Stumble, 9-2 Lontano, 5-1 Baluchi, 6-1 Below Zero, 8-1 Well Covered, San Carlos, 12-1 Rymer King, 16-1 Orarion, 20-1 Cruden Bay.

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs M Dickinson	4	12	33.3
T Casey	7	23	30.4
F Lee	3	12	25.0
J Edwards	13	55	23.6
M Pipe	11	48	22.9
Mrs J Pitman	11	48	22.9

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
T Morgan	3	9	33.3
P Scudamore	10	64	15.6
J Frost	3	22	13.6
W Humphreys	3	26	11.5
G McCourt	5	46	10.9
R Dunwoody	6	66	9.1

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Chesham Squire new favourite for Ladbroke

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

A flood of money over the weekend has seen Chesham Squire installed as the new favourite at 7-1 for The Ladbroke, the Ir£50,000 feature at Leopardstown on Saturday.

Two years ago, a similar plunge on Barnbrook Again was successful as David Elsworth captured the inaugural running of Ireland's richest handicap hurdle.

On Saturday, the reigning champion National Hunt trainer was at Sandown Park prior to flying to Spain for a short break. "Chesham Squire's been working like a bomb at home," he said. "He's almost certain to run, but we won't make up our minds until later in the week."

Obviously a good subject for the miracle worker of Whitsbury, Chesham Squire had classic potential as a three-year-old, but was inclined to shirk the issue.

If reproducing the form which saw him win Newbury's Stroud Green Hurdle by six lengths last February, rather than when subsequently disappointing at Kempton and Cheltenham, the five-year-old would have a sound chance with a mere 10st 2lb to shoulder.

Mystery also shrouded the running plans for Corporal Clinger and Chatam who, with 11 stone and 11st 2lb respectively, are interesting candidates to say the least.

Yesterday, the record-breaking Martin Pipe was in a friendly but unco-operative mood. "There's really nothing to say, as we haven't made up our minds as yet," he commented.

The sponsors bracket South Parade, Elementary, Lemhill and Chatam as their co-second favourites at 8-1. They offer 10-1 against Corporal Clinger. The present going at Leopardstown is good to soft.

The continuing dry weather in the south of the country is frustrating the trainers of the principal contenders for Ascot's big race on Saturday, the £30,000 Victor Chandler Handicap Chase.

Elsworth has both the top weight, Desert Orchid, and also Barnbrook Again.

"I wouldn't want it too firm for Desert Orchid," he said. The same proviso applies to Sir Blake, who could be out to extend his unbeaten record over fences in the Peter Ross Novices Chase.

Likewise, Josh Gifford is praying for rain on behalf of his Victor Chandler hope, Midnight Count, Jim Joel's eight-length Wetherby winner.

"Midnight Count is the one I want to run," he said yesterday. "He's a good horse and he's working very well. But I won't risk him on fast going. If it remains like this, I'll run Vodkatini instead. But if the weather changes I'd send Vodkatini to Wincanton on Thursday."

After Wishlon had romped home by seven lengths from Nodform in the Roux Restaurants Tolworth Hurdle at a packed Sandown on Saturday to record his second success inside a week, the 6-4 on winner was still quoted as high as 20-1 for the Champion Hurdle.

However, 73-year-old Ron Smyth was still breathing fire and thunder. "Never mind about him being just a novice," he said. "Seneca, the first of my three champion winners as a jockey, was having only his second run over hurdles. And he was a better horse than National Spirit.

Scudamore treble

Peter Scudamore took his tally for the season to 119 with a Saturday treble at Haydock Park on Rolling Ball, Mareth Line and Stocksign, the first two trained by Martin Pipe.

"Seriously, though, the trainer went on, "of course, I don't know whether he'll be good enough. But Wishlon loves a battle and I still fancy our chances of beating the favourite, Kribensis."

Much of the interest evaporated from the race after the last-minute withdrawal of Cruising Altitude. "He's got a throat infection," said Oliver Sherwood, "and Nice Dynasty was also a sick horse after disappointing behind Homme D'Affaire at Lingfield on Thursday. His throat was red and raw."

As a guide to the future much of the interest also disappeared from the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase when the maddening Kildimo, favourite at 2-1 to defy top weight, fell at the downhill fence starting on the final circuit.

A marvellous and thrilling battle then developed between Mr Frisk, Run And Skip and Castle Warden. Richard Dunwoody drove Mr Frisk into the lead at the final jump and the pair then withstood the determined rally of Run And Skip and Graham McCourt to win by half a length.

"What a thrill," said Kim Bailey, "Shifting Gold gave me my first win as a trainer in this race 11 years ago. Mr Frisk has now won 12 of his 21 races. He doesn't quicken, but he stays forever."

A conflict of opinion may now develop between Mrs Harry Duffey, the 10-year-old's Maryland owner and the stable. "I don't really want to go for the Grand National, I'd rather go for the Gold Cup," said the owner.

Dunwoody put the realistic case to the opposition in a nutshell. "He's a sensible jumper and has a lot of scope. He's an ideal National type and reminds me a lot of West Tip."

Pitman's new star 16-1 for Gold Cup

Golden Freeze, described by Jenny Pitman as the most exciting horse she's had since Burrough Hill Lad, came right into the Cheltenham Gold Cup reckoning with another thrilling display of jumping at Warwick on Saturday.

Although Bob Tisdall looked favoured by the conditions of the Premier Chase he and the rest were thrashed as Golden Freeze, who won by 15 lengths.

"Horses like him are few and far between. I'm very lucky and I just pray nothing goes wrong," Mrs Pitman said.

Golden Freeze is not qualified for the Sun Alliance Chase and the Gold Cup seems the only realistic race for him at the Festival. The trainer added: "I think he's earned a crack at the Gold Cup."

Corals have cut Golden Freeze from 33-1 to 16-1 for jumping's premier prize.

Golden Freeze probably runs next in the Arlington Securities Chase Final over 2½ miles at Cheltenham on January 28.

Tom Morgan, who felt Bob Tisdall was simply not right, had better luck on newcomer Karajan. He quickened in fine style to win the Leasowes Novice Hurdle by three lengths.

Stikit's Brother provided the day's shock with a five lengths victory in the Alderminster Handicap Hurdle and the 33-1 winner also surprised trainer Elayne Sneyd, who was saddling her first winner for three seasons.

Alan McCabe, a 21-year-old from Ireland, gained his first success over hurdles when giving the well-backed Bags a stylish ride in the Sherbourne Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle.

Have A Barney eyes Irish Grand National

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Have A Barney, who landed the big handicap chase at Leopardstown over the Christmas holiday, made only his second-ever appearance in a hurdle race at Naas on Saturday and landed the Ir£10,000 Slaney EBF Hurdle.

Tom Taaffe, having no doubts about Have A Barney's stamina, sent him into the lead from the start and he kept up a good gallop all the way to beat the novice Potential Pin by three lengths. An obvious danger was removed when the Mick O'Toole-trained favourite, Lough Gale, fell at the fifth flight.

The winner will now go for the Harold Clarke Memorial Leopardstown Chase next month but his major objective is not Cheltenham but the Jameson Irish Grand National.

His owner, the Dublin nightclub proprietor Pierre Doyle, entertains fond memories of a steeplechaser called Um, bred by his mother, who won the Irish National more than 30 years ago.

O'Toole had some compensation later in the afternoon when he introduced a really exciting prospect, Fourth Of July. This six-year-old cantered home a dozen lengths ahead of Bal O'Yarn in the two-mile Dodder flat race. Ted Walsh will again have the mount at Leopardstown this Saturday when Fourth Of July carries a 10lb penalty.

Ten Plus backed

Ten Plus, second favourite for the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup behind Desert Orchid, has hardened from 8-1 to 7-1 with Corals after weekend support.

Saturday's results

Sandown Park

1.0 1, Indian Babe (7-1); 2, Spanish Servant (4-1); 3, Milford Haven (11-1). Bromo 4-1 jt-fav. 19 ran.

1.30 1, Hogmanay (2-1 fav); 2, Another Schedule (14-1); 3, Star's Delight (5-1). 7 ran.

2.0 1, Mr Frisk (3-1); 2, Run And Skip (11-4); 3, Castle Warden (5-1). Kildimo 2-1 fav. 7 ran.

2.35 1, Wishlon (4-6 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Nodform (11-4); 3, First Division (10-1). 4 ran. NR: Cruising Altitude.

3.5 1, Royal Stag (9-4 fav); 2, Hypnosis (3-1); 3, Paddyboro (5-2). 5 ran.

3.35 1, The Decent Thing (2-1 fav); 2, Alkountash (14-1); 3, Perfect Stranger (6-1). 13 ran. NR: Evergreen Melody.

Haydock Park

12.45 1, Rolling Ball (4-11 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Smithonian (8-1); 3, Hickleton Boy (25-1). 9 ran. NR: Greenacres Lad, Rifle Range, Kayudee, Wapping Reign.

1.15 1, Maelkar (13-8 fav); 2, Jazetas (9-2); 3, Granny's Bay (9-1). 8 ran. NR: Sip Of Orange.

1.45 1, Proud Pilgrim (11-4); 2, Yahoo (5-1); 3, Prince Metternich (12-1). Smart Tar 9-4 fav. 7 ran.

2.15 1, Mareth Line (2-7 fav); 2, Lochlairey (16-1); 3, L'Hirondelle (25-1). 5 ran. NR: Phoenix Gold.

2.45 1, Stocksign (2-1); 2, Plain Talk (13-8 fav); 3, Stanford Boy (12-1). 7 ran. NR: Rovigo.

3.15 1, Pennabos (5-1); 2, Masterplan (7-2); 3, Gowan House (6-1). Randomly 11-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Born Bossy.

Warwick

12.45 1, Bags (7-2 fav); 2, Silent Twirl (10-1); 3, Andrea's Pride (20-1); 4, Terra Di Siena (11-2). 23 ran.

1.15 1, Golden Freeze (Evens jt-fav); 2, Caspar Carrot (20-1); 3, Bob Tisdall (Evens jt-fav). 6 ran.

1.45 1, Stikit's Brother (33-1); 2, Royal Duchy (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Tim's Brief (11-2); 4, Maujendor (8-1). Castle Douglas 5-1 jt-fav. 18 ran. NR: Kylemakil.

2.15 1, Gambridge Jupiter (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Flarey Sark (5-2 jt-fav); 3, General Chandos (11-2). 7 ran. NR: Auntie Dot.

2.45 1, Karajan (11-1); 2, Sandhurst Park (33-1); 3, Suluk (20-1). Interplay 10-11 fav. 17 ran. NR: Cuwa.

3.15 1, Donna Farina (3-1); 2, Bee Garden (9-1); 3, Impany (5-2 fav). 6 ran.

3.45 1, Winnie The Witch (50-1); 2, Elvercone (33-1); 3, Skipping Tim (33-1); 4, Lord Kilgeyle (14-1). General Tinker 5-1 fav. 24 ran. NR: Donosti.

Market Rasen

1.0 1, Dohty Baby (3-1); 2, Impunity (11-4 fav); 3, Capricorn Blue (9-2). 11 ran.

1.30 1, Annie Ra (14-1); 2, Barn Brae (12-1); 3, Ringmore (6-4 fav). 10 ran.

2.0 1, Nautical Joke (8-11 fav); 2, The Builder (11-10). 2 ran.

2.30 1, Sovereign Stream (13-8 fav); 2, Carol's Cross (10-1); 3, Golden Celtic (20-1). 9 ran.

3.0 1, Brosted Spar (11-2); 2, Tresidder (6-5 fav); 3, Padykin (16-1). 5 ran.

3.30 1, L'Uomo Piu (100-30); 2, Harry Lime (12-1); 3, Planet Ash (20-1). Blakes Son 4-5 fav. 15 ran. NR: Rostherne.

Leaders over the jumps

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	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	level stake
M Pipe	110	33	18	0	+33.30
J Gifford	36	31	22	2	-42.16
J Fitzgerald	35	25	14	0	-1.14
G Richards	34	41	20	3	-59.88
W Stephenson	32	33	34	0	-79.43
M H Easterby	30	18	13	1	-15.47
N Tinkler	30	17	10	3	-2.31
J Edwards	28	23	16	0	+63.18
Mrs J Pitman	27	13	10	0	+45.97
D Nicholson	27	24	26	5	-72.91
G Balding	27	30	17	0	-41.09

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	level stake
P Scudamore	119	61	25	0	-18.94
M Dwyer	57	48	28	0	-10.99
R Dunwoody	50	57	41	1	-49.45
G McCourt	50	31	26	11	+7.70
B Powell	28	24	27	5	-133.96
S Sherwood	28	16	24	12	-70.98
H Davies	25	38	31	0	-73.47
P Hobbs	25	20	22	14	+27.75
SS Eccles	24	22	19	7	-6.78
M Hammond	23	14	16	5	-11.22
T Morgan	22	18	11	0	+57.74

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FOOTBALL: THE CUP'S LITTLE PEOPLE OVERTHROW THE OVERLORDS OF THE GAME BY SUPERIOR TACTICS AND A KEENER HUNGER FOR THE FRAY

Sutton claim a corner in history

By Paul Newman

Sutton United 2
Coventry City 1

In the unlikely setting of a leafy London suburb, Sutton United, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, struck a magnificent blow for football with their stirring performance at Gander Green Lane on Saturday. The most remarkable FA Cup result for 14 years was a triumph for skill, tactical awareness and intelligent planning, qualities that have been going increasingly out of fashion in many areas of the game.

Wimbledon's achievement in winning the Cup last year seemed to confirm a growing belief that in modern football the underdogs' best route to success is to batter technically superior opposition into submission. In the manner of their third-round victory over a team lying fifth in the first division and which won the Cup two years ago, Sutton proved that even the best sides can be outwitted and outmanoeuvred.

Victory was plotted hours before the match in the public park behind Gander Green Lane. Having watched Coventry three times, Sutton had detected a weakness at set-

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pieces and spent much of the morning practising corners.

Both of their goals came from well-rehearsed moves. Rains headed home after Golley had flicked on a corner by Stephens and Hanlan was at the front of a queue of Sutton players ready to convert Dawson's penetrating cross after Stephens had played a short corner on the right.

Sutton's tactical superiority was not confined to set-pieces. Coventry's forwards were denied the space to get into any sort of rhythm and their defence was frequently exposed by Sutton's clever use of their two wide players, Stephens and Hanlan. When one was causing problems out on a wing, the other was usually drifting into a dangerous position in the penalty area.

"I am delighted that we won by playing good football," Barrie Williams, the Sutton manager, said. "You can have all the luck in the world, but you still have to score goals. It was particularly pleasing to get them from moves we had been working on. We have intelligent players and they always learn set-plays well."

Sutton supporters have come to expect intelligent play from a team that includes two assistant bank managers, two insurances executives and a commodity broker. The club has never been able to pay players much, but money is not their motivation. Most of the team have grown up together as footballers.

As for Williams, there is much more to him than the public image of a manager who quotes Shakespeare and Kipling. He spent 17 years in the teaching profession and was national sports executive for the National Association of Boys' Clubs before he became full-time manager of Sutton. For years he has had the reputation as one of the best coaches in non-League football

Sutton's relaxed approach was a key to their success. Rains, the captain, said: "While Coventry's players were away from their families for most of the week, we've been doing our jobs and leading normal lives. We didn't feel any nerves, because we had nothing to lose.

"Coventry weren't very different from the teams we play every week in the Conference. We had more time on the ball than we usually get and it wasn't as hard physically as in our league. We've proved that professional sides aren't superstars — they're humans and they can be beaten."

Sutton took the lead four minutes before the interval and even after Phillips had equalized seven minutes into the second half they maintained their shape and discipline. They were back in front six minutes later and for the next 20 minutes produced the best football of the match.

McKinnon, twice, and Dennis both had good chances to increase Sutton's lead and the best movement of the game, a flowing crossfield exchange involving four players, ended with Stephens shooting narrowly wide.

Sutton had to defend desperately in the last 10 minutes but John Sillett, the Coventry manager, had no complaints about the result. "Sutton's hospitality has been superb, we weren't kicked off the park and the referee did his job well," he said. "Our finishing never looked good enough and we were second best most of the time. All the credit must go to Sutton."

There were extraordinary scenes as Sutton supporters flooded on to the pitch at the end of the match. Yet the lasting image of an occasion that captured all the romance of the Cup was that of the 2,500 Coventry supporters remaining in their places to applaud Sutton. It was a day when football and sportsmanship were the biggest winners.

SUTTON UNITED: T Roffey; R Jones, A Rains, N Golley, V Pratt, P Rogers, M Stephens, P Dawson, L Dennis, P McKinnon, M Hanlan.

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, D Phillips, S Sedgley, B Kilcline, T Peake, D Bennett, D Speedie, C Regis (sub: K Houchen), L McGrath, D Smith.

Referee: A Buksh.

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The eyes have a ball: Dennis, Golley and Kilcline line up behind Jones and Regis as a corner concentrates all their attention

Giant-killers' hall of fame

By Paul Newman

Sutton's victory over Coventry will go down as one of the greatest FA Cup giant-killing acts of all time. Since the competition was reorganized into its present form in 1925, non-League teams have beaten first division opponents on only six occasions.

The last club to perform the feat was Altrincham, who three years ago won 2-1 away to Birmingham City. Birmingham were second to bottom of the first division at the time and were relegated at the end of the season.

Arguably the greatest performance was that of Wimbledon, who in 1975 won 1-0 away to Burnley, then lying seventh in the first division. Wimbledon, whose team included Dave Bassett, were elected to the Football League two years later.

The most famous victory of all was probably that by Yeovil Town at home to Sunderland in the fourth round in 1949. Yeovil, inspired by their player-manager, Alec Stock, inspired such interest that a crowd of more than 81,000 watched them lose 8-0 away to Manchester United in the next round.

Yeovil's achievement in reaching the last 16 has been matched by only three other non-League clubs since 1925. The others are Colchester United (1947-48), Blyth Spartans (1977-78) and Telford United (1984-85). Over the same period Telford achieved the most number of wins over League teams in a single season, four in 1984-85. Altrincham hold the record for the biggest total of wins over League opponents, 14.

Before the Football League added a third division in 1920, non-League clubs regularly beat League opponents in the Cup. In 1901 Tottenham Hotspur, then members of the Southern League, became the first and only non-League club ever to win the competition.

Sutton had no giant-killing tradition until last season, when they knocked out Aldershot and Peterborough United before losing to Middlesbrough in a replay at Ayresome Park. They have reached the fourth round once before, in 1970, when they lost 6-0 at home to Leeds United in front of a crowd of 14,000.

Bradford consume the lotus-eaters from the South

By Martin Searby

Bradford City 1
Tottenham Hotspur 0

Terry Venables, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, claimed that his side should have had a penalty, that Bradford should not have been given the free kick which led to the deciding goal, and that poor finishing accounted for his team's failure to reach the fourth round of the FA Cup for the first time in 11 years.

The truth is that his team did not relish running after the ball and expressed less desire to win than did opponents who were tactically superior.

Tottenham's team is rich and famous beyond the comprehension of Bradford's players and Venables is a household name while that of Terry Dolan is virtually unknown outside Yorkshire. But reputations count for nothing without commitment and Tottenham have a long way to go to discover one of football's more obvious truths.

They started well enough in front of the biggest crowd since Valley Parade was rebuilt three years ago. Fenwick and Waddle hit some beautifully timed long balls for the front runners to chase; but Allen and Walsh found too many blind alleys and Stewart drove himself to distraction with his destructive desire to get his retaliation in first.

Their best chance of the afternoon came in the third minute when Mabbutt climbed to head a left-wing cross, only for Tomlinson to make an excellent save to his left.

Waddle, only too ready to believe that the fates are conspiring against him, abdicated the midfield to Kennedy, who more effectively exploited the speed of Palin and Leonard against a defence in which Fairclough never looked secure. It was his foul on Leonard which prefaced the goal and Tottenham's indolence made it inevitable.

As they dawdled into position, Kennedy took the free kick quickly and Mitchell, the full back, was unchallenged as he ran down the right and hit a cross-shot which, although Mimms got a hand to it, crept inside the far post in the crucial moments three minutes from half-time.

Bergsson, replacing Gascoigne, had flu and did not reappear after the interval, when Tottenham all too briefly threatened to equalize with Allen, Walsh and Stewart all having opportunities. But Bradford created a move which the narrowest offside decision prevented from being a goal and, two minutes from the end, Sinnott obstructed Moran, who was substituting for Thomas.

BRADFORD CITY: P Tomlinson; B Mitchell, G Abbott, I Banks, P Jackson, D Evans, L Palin, L Sinnott, I Ormondroyd (sub: P Jewell), M Kennedy, M Leonard.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Mimms; G Butters, M Thomas (sub: P Moran) T Fenwick, C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, P Walsh, G Bergsson (sub: C Hughton), C Waddle, P Stewart, P Allen.

Referee: G Courtney.

Liverpool display that touch of class

By Peter Ball

Carlisle United 0
Liverpool 3

There was no giant-killing to be seen through the mist shrouding Brunton Park on Saturday. Liverpool put any dreams Carlisle harboured to rest with their first goal just after the half-hour, and wrapped things up in the second period with two strikes that ensured the scoreline reflected the gulf in class.

But if the spice of an upset was missing, in almost every other way it was a perfect advertisement for the enduring delights of the FA Cup. A trim, small ground was full to the rafters with a well-behaved crowd who greeted the visitors with good-natured boos and then sent them on their way after a splendid game with a standing ovation.

The Carlisle players entered into the spirit of the occasion fully — perhaps too fully once Barnes had given Liverpool control with a 34th-minute goal. Thereafter, Carlisle were too deferential, several of them queuing up afterwards to express their admiration for Liverpool.

Carlisle's football indeed made a mockery of their ninetieth position in the League, but apart from the surges of their inspirational captain, Nigel Saddington, they showed few signs of rattling their honoured guests.

As it was, the only bad tackle of the afternoon came from Whelan, who richly merited his booking for a challenge that eventually ended Archie Stephens's contribution to the proceedings.

Between Whelan's tackle and Stephens's departure came the most sublime moment of the afternoon. A breathtaking move between Molby, Beardsley and Barnes left McMahon with a simple tap-in for Liverpool's second goal. McMahon's own second rubbed home the point in the last 10 minutes.

CARLISLE UNITED: D McKellar; M Graham, I Dalziel, N Saddington, S Jeffels, P Fitzpatrick, J Robertson (sub: R Sendall), P Gorman, A Stephens (sub: A Fyfe), B Hetherington, J Halpin.

LIVERPOOL: M Hooper; G Ablett, D Burrows, S Nicol, R Whelan, J Molby, P Beardsley, J Aldridge, R Houghton, J Barnes, S McMahon.

Referee: T J Holbrook, Walsall.

Villa edge through as Crewe relax

By Nicholas Harling

Crewe Alexandra 2
Aston Villa 3

For 53 minutes on Saturday, Crewe Alexandra looked like providing one of the day's biggest FA Cup shocks. "Then," Dario Gradi said, "we sat back a bit and had a little bad spell."

The consequence, as the Crewe manager had ruefully witnessed, was that Aston Villa were able to come back from the brink of an embarrassing defeat to reach the fourth round.

There was no consoling the Crewe players, among them Walters, aged 16, and Swain, Gradi's evergreen player-coach. "They've got their heads between their knees in the dressing-room," Gradi said. "But there's no need because I'm proud of them."

Such praise was appropriate because the hosts had come so close to a surprise without ever resorting to dubious methods.

Indeed, the first shuddering challenge had come from Stuart Gray, of Villa. Villa were suitably punished in the fourth minute when Edwards, Crewe's left back, found Gardiner, who volleyed in off the far upright.

Crewe had the audacity to go further ahead when Keown unwittingly deflected Gardiner's cross away from the leaping Fishenden but past his own goalkeeper.

Villa's sense of resolution was not helped by the booking of McInally when he had clearly lifted his boot to avoid the head of Greygoose, who had dived for the third time at his feet.

If McInally was playing thereafter in fear of greater punishment, his fierce commitment did not betray it. From his header across goal, Platt started the revival against his old club. Kevin Gage, with a ferocious shot, drove in the equalizer. Platt made the winner for McInally, leaving Gradi to face the prospect of having rather fewer microphones shoved in his face at Scunthorpe next week.

CREWE ALEXANDRA: D Greygoose; W Goodison (sub: I Macowat), P Edwards, P Billing, K Swain, W Gage, A Callaghan, A Murphy, S Walters, M Gardiner, P Fishenden.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; C Price, D Mountfield, K Gage, A Evans (sub: I Olney), M Keown, A Daley (sub: A Gray), D Platt, A McInally, G Cowans, S Gray.

Referee: K Redfearn.

United's problems increase

By Ian Ross

Manchester United 0
Queen's Park Rangers 0

If Manchester United do succeed this season, it will be in spite of themselves. Rarely has a side with such an engaging blend of experience and youth flattered to deceive with such metronomic regularity.

The form of Arsenal, the first division leaders, suggests that United are one or possibly two League defeats away from dropping out of the championship chase, extending to 22 years the absence of the championship trophy from the Old Trafford boardroom. The FA Cup is again being viewed as the club's possible salvation.

United's season hangs by a thread which may be severed at Loftus Road on Wednesday night. Those players who escaped public admonishment simply because the game ended on a note of drama will be happy to have earned another opportunity to redeem themselves, because defeat always seemed far more likely than victory.

The sickening sight of Robson, the United and England captain, being hauled on to a stretcher, bloodied and concussed, overshadowed the game and calmed down a dissatisfied crowd which had been preparing to vent its anger upon the final whistle.

As the game entered injury time, Robson made a desperate attempt to render a replay unnecessary. He threw himself headlong at a Bruce cross only to crash heavily on to the turf.

In doing that, he swallowed his tongue, damaged a shoulder and sustained head injuries. He was immediately taken to hospital, where he was kept overnight.

Although X-rays suggested no serious injury, Robson is expected to remain there under observation until tomorrow as a precautionary measure.

The prospect of United having to tackle Queen's Park Rangers without their ebullient captain will make even the most partisan of the club's supporters apprehensive, for he is still the focal point of a team which lacks discipline and prospers only when playing by instinct alone.

Trevor Francis said that he was disappointed with the result, and although United squandered at least three glorious goal-scoring chances, the Rangers manager was doing a good deal more than adopting the biased attitude which his new position demands.

Despite the loss of Francis himself, with a knee ligament injury, and Falco, with a pulled calf muscle, midway through the first half — which will keep both out of Wednesday's replay — Rangers in general and Fereday in particular applied themselves well to the task of increasing their opponents' season-long anxieties.

Those injuries have not eased Rangers' task at Loftus Road though: both players will miss the replay, and expect to be absent for at least a fortnight.

MANCHESTER UNITED: J Leighton; A Gill, L Martin, S Bruce, R Beardsmore, M Donaghy, B Robson (sub: D Wilson), M Robins, B McClair, M Hughes, R Milne.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: D Seaman, A McDonald, D Pizanti, P Parker, B Law, D Maddix, M Falco (sub: M Stein), T Francis (sub: S Barker), W Fereday, D Coney, M Allen.

Referee: K Hackett.

Replay details

TOMORROW: Brentford v Walsall; Halifax v Kettering; Southampton v Derby; Swindon v Portsmouth; Watford v Newcastle.

WEDNESDAY: Arsenal v West Ham; Everton v West Bromwich Albion; Oxford v Sunderland; QPR v Manchester United; Reading v Tranmere.

Two from man on the bench

A goalkeeper turned goalscorer carved himself a niche in Humberside sporting folklore at Ayresome Park on Saturday (Ian Ross writes). Marc North, aged 29 and a Londoner, answered the appeal of his manager to save a lost cause by climbing off the substitutes' bench and score the two goals which gave fourth division Grimsby Town victory over Middlesbrough, of the first division.

North, who began his professional career as a goalkeeper with Luton Town, replaced Richard O'Kelly after 71 minutes, when Middlesbrough were leading after a first-half goal by Slaven. Within 60 seconds he had equalized. In the final two minutes, and with a replay at Blundell Park beckoning, North headed a second.

North, the leading scorer for Luton last season, said: "That was the greatest day of my professional career. I have not had the best of times so far this season and I really could not complain about being left out of the side. I felt that I might get my chance if we were losing 1-0. I did and I made the most of it."

Gibson's goal sets the course for holders

By Louise Taylor

Birmingham City 0
Wimbledon 1

"If there are any forwards in here we'll take your name and telephone number." The Press room steward at Birmingham may have been joking, yet the line summed up why the holders were rarely in any danger of falling at the first fence in their defence of the FA Cup.

Birmingham's impotence is such that they have scored only three times in the last seven games. While their approach work, particularly that of Tait and Wigley, was sometimes skilful, the second division side had no one with the knack of translating effort, enthusiasm and enterprise into goals.

Although isolated efforts from Bremner, Whitton and Langley are all Segers will recall from a sedate 90 minutes, his colleagues hardly provided Hansbury with strenuous employment in the opposite goal.

The difference was that the Londoners always threatened at set pieces and the goal came from one. Fairweather took three successive corners, all steered towards the near post, and Jones nodded on the third for Gibson to head Wimbledon into the fourth round.

As Bobby Gould, the manager, said: "Ours is not free-flowing football but we deliver." Effective it may be but their slavish adherence to an unsophisticated brand of aerial football evoked depression rather than excitement.

On the positive side, however, there was no intimidation or nastiness, although Sanchez ultimately spoilt things with an unnecessary trip on Bremner, resulting in a caution.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: R Hansbury; K Ashley, J Trewick, B Roberts, V Overson, K Langley, D Bremner, P Tait, S Whitton, C Robinson (sub: M Yates), S Wigley.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; J Scales, T Phelan, V Jones, E Young, K Curle, C Fairweather, T Gibson, J Fashanu, L Sanchez, A Cork.

Referee: J Worrall (Warrington).

Defeated Souness sounds off

In Motherwell the post-match behaviour of Graeme Souness was a touch embarrassing (a Special Correspondent writes). Fir Park is the very embodiment of home-spun charm. Struggling against the threat of relegation, their 2-1 victory over the Scottish League leaders, Rangers, was glorious. Souness's undignified fit of pique condemning his players in forceful terms, however, could have been done without. An own goal from Gough sealed Rangers' fate.

Jim McLean's **Dundee United** moved to within striking distance of the leaders. The Tannadice side's unbeaten run was increased to 12 matches when it crossed the road to take both points from Dundee. On the stroke of half-time, Paatelainen's through ball released French to score for United.

At Pittodrie, a second-half double by Charlie Nicholas, of Aberdeen, was enough to see off Hibernian, and more than 20,000 turned up at Parkhead to see a Celtic side woefully short on ideas, beat the bottom side Hamilton Academical 2-0. Heart of Midlothian recorded their fourth successive home victory when beating St Mirren 2-0.

SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: St Johnstone v Cowdenbeath or Stenhousemuir; Dunfermline v Aberdeen; Celtic v Elgin or Dumbarton; Falkirk v Motherwell; Hibernian v Inverness Caley or Brechin City; Queen of the South v Kilmarnock; Forres or Alloa v Coldstream or Albion Rovers; Meadowbank v Hamilton; Queens Park v Stranraer; Clydebank v Montrose; Hearts of Midlothian v Ayr United; Forfar v Clyde; Raith Rovers v Rangers; Morton v Airdrie; Partick Thistle v St Mirren; Dundee v Dundee United.

Ties to be played on January 28.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Cup
Third round

Barnsley	4	Chelsea	0
Birmingham	0	Wimbledon	1
Blackpool	0	Bournemouth	1
Bradford	1	Tottenham	0
Brighton	1	Leeds	2
Cardiff	1	Hull	2
Carlisle	0	Liverpool	3
Charlton	2	Oldham	1
Crewe	2	Aston Villa	3
Derby	1	Southampton	1
Hartlepool	1	Bristol C	0
Huddersfield	0	Sheffield U	1
Kettering	1	Halifax	1
Manchester C	1	Leicester	0
Manchester Utd	0	QPR	0
Middlesbrough	1	Grimsby	2
Millwall	3	Luton	2
Newcastle	0	Watford	0
Nottingham F	3	Ipswich	0
Plymouth	2	Cambridge	0
Portsmouth	1	Swindon	1
Sheffield Wed	5	Torquay	1
Shrewsbury	0	Colchester	3
Stoke	1	C Palace	0
Sunderland	1	Oxford	1
Sutton Utd	2	Coventry	1
Tranmere	1	Reading	1
Walsall	1	Brentford	1
Welling	0	Blackburn	1
WBA	1	Everton	1

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(Replay on Wednesday)

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Luton 0, Crystal Palace 0; Southampton 1, Ipswich 1, Tottenham 2, Chelsea 0; Watford 2, Wimbledon 1; West Ham 0, Arsenal 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 4, Newry 3, Ballymena 3, Portadown 1; Carrick 0, Crusaders 2; Cliftonville 0, Larne 0; Distillery 1, Bangor 2; Glenavon 1, Coleraine 2; Glentoran 2, Linfield 3.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City 2, Matlock 0; Barrow 3, Goole 2; Buxton 0, Mossley 1; Fleetwood 1, Shepshed 1; Frickley 2, Stalybridge 2; Hyde 5, Gateshead 0; Morecambe 3, Caernarfon 1; South Liverpool 4, Horwich 2, Southport 0, Marine 1, Witton 4, Gainsborough 0, Worksop 0, Rhyl 4. First division: Alfreton 2, Radcliffe 1 Netherfield 4, Newtown 1. First division Cup: Second round: Bishop Auckland 3, Accrington Stanley 2; Colne Dynamoes 0, Eastwood Hanley 0; Congleton 0, Leek 1, Droylsden 3, Farsley 1; Whitley Bay 6, Harrogate Town 1.

Barclays League
Third division

Aldershot	2	Preston	1
Fulham	4	Chester	1
Northampton	2	Bury	0
Swansea	2	Notts Co	0
Wigan	0	Chesterfield	2

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Wolves	22	9	2	0	32	10	5	3	3	29	16	47
Port Vale	22	8	3	1	23	8	5	3	3	17	12	43
Swansea	23	7	4	1	26	11	4	4	3	14	14	41
Sheffield U	21	8	0	2	35	9	4	2	5	21	13	38
Bristol R	22	6	3	2	22	12	4	4	3	17	18	37
Fulham	23	7	4	1	25	15	4	0	7	13	28	37
Chester	23	7	3	1	29	20	3	3	6	17	29	36
Bury	23	6	3	2	17	13	4	2	6	19	22	35
Preston	23	7	3	1	26	14	2	4	6	11	18	34
Bristol C	22	4	3	4	14	12	5	3	3	13	13	33
Reading	22	6	4	1	23	22	3	1	7	13	21	32
Brentford	22	7	2	2	18	11	1	5	5	13	18	31
Mansfield	22	5	5	1	16	11	2	6	4	9	15	31
Huddersfield	22	6	3	2	19	12	3	1	7	9	21	31
Bolton	23	6	3	3	24	16	2	3	6	9	16	30
Northampton	22	6	0	5	22	17	2	1	8	11	20	25
Cardiff	23	5	3	2	17	10	1	4	4	7	14	25
Blackpool	22	4	5	2	18	12	1	4	6	14	15	24
Southend	23	4	4	3	15	13	2	2	8	14	30	24
Notts Co	22	2	5	4	14	14	3	3	5	9	14	23
Wigan	24	4	2	7	14	15	1	5	5	14	19	22
Gillingham	23	3	0	8	13	17	3	1	8	10	21	19
Aldershot	22	3	3	5	11	16	1	3	6	8	25	18
Chesterfield	22	2	2	6	11	21	3	1	8	8	30	18

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 1, Guiseley 1, Belper 4, Long Eaton 1, Bridlington Town 1, Pontefract Collieries 1, Brigg 2, Cosset Albion 0; Denaby 1, Emley 2, Hallam 3, Grimethorpe MW 1, Harrogate Railway 1, Bridlington Trinity 1, Thackley 3, Hatfield Main 0.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 2, Hayes 1, Dagenham 0, Bromley 4, Dulwich 1, Barking 1, Grays 2, Leytonstone/Ilford 2, Harrow 0, St Albans 2, Leyton-Wingate 0, Windsor and Eton 4, Slough 0, Bishop's Stortford 2, Wokingham 0, Marlow 1. First division: Basingstoke 4, Hampton 1; Boreham Wood 2, Uxbridge 0; Kingsbury 2, Bracknell 1, Southwick 1, Chalfont St Peter 0; Staines 5, Collier Row 0; Wembley 0, Lewes 2, Walton 2, Chesham 0, Worthing 3, Hitchin 0. Second division north: Aveley 1, Wolverton 1, Berkhamsted 2, Stevenage 0; Clapton 2, Tilbury 1; Harlow 2, Royston 1, Hertford 3, Barton 0, Hornchurch 3, Ware 2; Letchworth GC 2, Witham 4; Saffron Walden 2, Purfleet 3, Tring 0, Billericay 1; Vauxhall Motors 1, Rainham 0. Second division south: Banstead 0, Dorking 2; Feltham 0, Egham 1; Finchley 3, Newbury 1, Flackwell Heath 1, Yeading 0; Hungerford 2, Harefield 1; Molesey 2, Southall 0; Ruislip Manor 2, Maidenhead United 1.

Fourth division

Peterborough	0	Rotherham	3
Rochdale	2	Lincoln	2
Stockport	1	Scunthorpe	2

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	23	6	3	2	21	10	5	5	2	18	8	41
Crewe	22	6	4	1	17	10	5	3	3	13	11	40
Wrexham	22	5	6	1	22	14	5	4	2	20	16	39
Scarborough	22	5	5	1	18	12	5	2	4	20	15	37
Tranmere	22	7	2	2	14	7	2	6	3	12	14	35
Torquay	22	9	0	2	19	8	1	5	5	9	17	35
Scunthorpe	23	5	4	2	25	12	4	4	4	21	24	35
Exeter	22	8	1	2	25	11	2	2	7	8	23	33
Cambridge	22	6	4	1	21	12	3	1	7	18	22	32
Lincoln	23	6	3	2	19	12	3	2	7	15	20	32
Doncaster	22	6	2	3	19	17	3	3	5	10	19	32
Leyton O	22	7	1	3	28	7	1	6	4	12	17	31
Stockport	23	5	4	2	20	9	1	6	5	11	14	28
Burnley	22	7	2	2	21	10	1	4	6	5	13	30
Halifax	22	6	1	4	28	15	3	1	7	18	23	29
Hartlepool	22	4	3	4	13	17	4	2	5	9	13	29
Rochdale	23	5	5	2	18	18	2	2	7	12	21	28
Peterborough	23	4	1	7	11	18	3	5	3	13	17	27
York	22	5	4	2	23	15	2	1	8	5	22	26
Grimsby	22	5	4	2	18	14	1	3	7	13	22	25
Hereford	22	4	5	2	18	15	2	2	7	12	21	25
Carlisle	22	3	4	4	11	13	2	3	6	13	18	22
Darlington	22	0	8	3	12	19	2	2	7	15	24	16
Colchester	22	2	2	7	13	18	1	4	6	12	28	15

Sherpa Van Trophy
First round

Scarborough 3 York 1

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny 3, AFC Cardiff 1; Barry 4, Briton Ferry 2, Bridgend 3, Caerleon 1, Haverfordwest 5, Port Talbot 2; Maesteg 1, Ebbw Vale 1; Pembroke 1, Pontardawe 0; Ton Pentre 2, Cwmbran 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield 2, Weston-super-Mare 2, Chippenham 0, Welton 2; Dawlish 1, Saltash and Herston 3, Frome 1, Bideford 0, Minehead 0, Paulton 2; Radstock 2, Exmouth 1; Taunton 3, Plymouth Argyle 3; Torrington 2, Chard 2.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE. First division: Billingham Synthonia 4, Brandon 0; Chester-le-Street 2, Crook 3; Guisborough 1, Blyth 1; Seaham 0, Billingham Town 3; South Bank 2, North Shields 1; Spennymoor 2, Newcastle Blue Star 1, Stockton 0, Durham 0; Tow Law 4, Ferryhill 0, Whitby 5, Shildon 1.

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Aberdeen	2	Hibernian	0
Celtic	2	Hamilton	0
Dundee	0	Dundee Utd	1
Hearts	2	St Mirren	0
Motherwell	2	Rangers	1

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	23	9	1	1	23	8	8	2	4	13	11	38
Dundee Utd	23	5	5	2	15	8	7	3	1	15	4	32
Aberdeen	23	4	6	0	16	8	3	7	2	13	12	30
Celtic	23	9	1	2	27	12	4	1	6	21	19	28
Hibernian	23	8	2	2	19	6	3	4	5	10	13	25
St Mirren	23	3	5	4	11	11	5	1	5	14	21	22
Dundee	23	4	4	3	13	11	2	5	6	7	14	19
Hearts	23	4	4	4	18	14	1	4	6	8	14	18
Motherwell	23	3	4	4	12	14	1	3	8	10	19	15
Hamilton	23	3	0	9	5	20	0	2	9	6	23	8

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 1, Worcester 2, Bath 0, Crawley 0; Bedworth 1, Burton 7; Bromsgrove 2, Fareham 0; Cambridge City 1, Moor Green 2; Dartford 2, Alvechurch 1; Dover 3, Redditch 2; Gosport 0, Merthyr 3, Leicester United 1, Corby 3, Waterlooville 0, VS Rugby 2; Wealdstone 0, Dorchester 0. Midland division: Atherstone 2, Bilston 0; Bridgnorth 1, Banbury 1; Coventry Sporting 1, Hednesford 3; Gloucester 2, Rushden 1; Halesowen 4, Nuneaton 2; King's Lynn 2, Ashtree Highfield 2; Mile Oak 2, Forest Green 7; Spalding 1, Stourbridge 1; Sutton Coldfield 1, Grantham 1; Wellingborough 1, Tamworth 2; Willenhall 1, Dudley 1. Southern division: Baldock 0, Andover 1, Buckingham 1, Tonbridge 1; Chelmsford 1, Witney 0. Erith and Belvedere 2, Dunstable 1; Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Burnham 0; Hastings 1, Bury 4, Hounslow 2, Trowbridge 0; Poole 2, Canterbury 2, Salisbury 1, Corinthian 1; Sheppey 1, Folkestone 1; Thanet 3, Ruislip 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 1, Rossendale 2; Bootle 0, Burscough 4; Clitheroe 4, Formby 1; Colwyn Bay 4, Leyland Motors 0; Knowsley 5, Ashton 1; Prescot Cables 0, Darwen 0; Salford 2, Flixton 2, Warrington 0, Ellesmere Port and Neston 0.

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Jersey Wanderers 4, Petersfield 1; Farnborough 6, Totton 1.

First division

Ayr	1	Airdrie	4
Falkirk	2	Kilmarnock	0
Forfar	2	Dunfermline	1
Meadowbank	2	Morton	1
Partick	1	Raith Rov	1
Queen of Sth	3	Clyde	3
St Johnstone	2	Clydebank	0

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	23	6	4	1	22	10	8	4	2	22	11	32
Falkirk	23	7	2	3	17	8	7	2	2	25	14	32
Dunfermline	23	9	1	1	20	11	4	4	4	15	14	31
St Johnstone	23	9	2	1	22	6	2	4	5	12	14	28
Clydebank	23	6	5	0	26	17	3	4	5	18	15	27
Morton	23	6	2	4	11	12	5	2	4	20	19	26
Forfar	23	5	5	2	18	13	3	3	5	15	16	24
Clyde	23	3	3	5	12	19	2	7	3	14	14	20
Ayr	23	5	4	3	20	23	2	2	7	10	22	20
Raith	23	4	2	4	14	16	3	2	7	11	19	19
Meadowbank	23	4	2	5	12	15	2	4	6	8	14	18
Kilmarnock	23	3	2	6	11	18	2	4	6	13	22	18
Partick	22	1	5	6	11	20	5	0	5	15	19	17
Queen of S	23	1	4	7	18	26	1	2	8	13	28	10

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 3, Chelsea 2; Ipswich 1, Charlton 0; Millwall 2, Leyton Orient 4; Portsmouth 1, Fulham 0; Queen's Park Ranger 2, Tottenham 2; Watford 2, West Ham 0. Second division: Brighton 1, Crystal Palace 1; Swindon 0, Oxford 1; Tottenham 2, Luton 3.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Harrovians 1, Old Carthusians 1, Old Salopians 2, Old Reptonians 3. First division: Old Foresters 8, Old Ardinians 3; Old Westminsters 4, Old Aldenhamians 1.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: First round replay: Old Chigwellians 1, Old Wellingburians 0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Hucknall 2, Eastwood Town 3 (aet); Sutton Town 5, Rolls Royce 4 (on pens).

SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Camberley 1, Whyteleafe 1; Carshalton 4, Croydon 1; Cobham 1, Leatherhead 3; Epsom and Ewell 2, Malden Vale 0; Kingstonian 1, Chertsey 2; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Walton and Hersham 2; Woking 2, Metropolitan Police 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Mitre under-19 Trophy: North Yorkshire 8, Cumbria 1. English Schools BHS under-15: North Yorkshire 6, Cumbria 1; Suffolk 5, Bedfordshire 1. South East England under-15 Cup: Suffolk 1, Bedfordshire 3.

Second division

Berwick	0	Stirling Alb	0

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion	21	9	2	0	22	7	4	2	4	16	18	30
Cowdenbeath	21	4	6	1	17	15	5	2	3	12	12	26
Queen's Pk	21	6	4	1	13	5	2	5	3	14	13	25
Stranraer	21	4	6	1	18	13	5	2	4	17	16	25
Stirling	21	8	0	2	22	13	2	5	4	13	17	25
Brechin	21	4	4	3	14	13	4	4	2	19	14	24
Arbroath	21	3	4	3	17	15	4	4	3	14	11	22
E Fife	21	5	4	1	16	8	2	3	6	13	19	21
Alloa	21	5	5	1	20	14	1	4	5	11	16	21
Montrose	21	6	1	3	15	12	2	3	6	13	15	20
E Stirling	21	5	2	4	20	21	1	5	4	14	15	19
Stenhousemuir	21	2	6	3	13	14	3	0	8	11	19	15
Dumbarton	21	3	1	6	12	18	1	4	6	9	17	13
Berwick	21	2	2	7	8	20	0	2	8	13	24	8

Scottish FA Cup
Second round

Annan Ath	1	Queen's Pk	5
Coldstream	1	Albion	1
Cowdenbeath	1	Stenhousemuir	1
E Stirling	1	Montrose	2
Elgin	2	Dumbarton	2
Forres M	1	Alloa	1
Inverness C	1	Brechin	1
Stranraer	2	East Fife	1

English Barclays Cup: First round: Barrow College, Cumbria 3, St Aidan's, Yorkshire 2, St Cuthberts HS, Northumberland 3, Cockermouth, Cumbria 2. Tour Match under-19: Middlesex 0, Australians 0

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians 4, Limerick City 2; Cobh Ramblers 0, Cork City 1; Derry City 2, Shelbourne 3; Galway United 1, Dundalk 3; St Patrick's Athletic 0, Shamrock Rovers 0; Waterford United 0, Athlone Town 2. Leading positions: equal 1, Derry City, Dundalk, played 21, 31pts; 3, St Patrick's Athletic, 21, 30.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 3, Verona 0; Cesena 1, AC Milan 0; Como 1, Pisa 1; Fiorentina 3, Lazio 0; Inter Milan 1, Bologna 0; Lecce 1, Pescara 0; Roma 1, Juventus 3, Sampdoria 1, Atalanta 1; Torino 0, Napoli 1. Leading positions: 1, Inter Milan, played 12, 22pts; 2, Napoli, 12, 19, 3, Juventus, 12, 17.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Aylesbury	3	Yeovil	2
Boston	1	Newport	1
Fisher	2	Northwich	4
Macclesfield	1	Barnet	1
Runcorn	2	Wycombe	3
Stafford	0	Kidderminster	1
Telford	1	Maidstone	2
Weymouth	1	Altrincham	3

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kidderminster	27	5	5	2	17	14	10	1	4	31	18	51
Macclesfield	25	7	3	3	22	13	7	2	4	25	19	47
Barnet	26	7	1	3	30	14	7	4	4	29	26	47
Kettering	22	9	1	1	23	10	4	4	3	11	14	44
Maidstone	24	6	3	3	29	17	6	3	3	28	18	42
Runcorn	25	6	3	3	25	14	6	3	4	27	19	42
Wycombe	25	5	4	3	23	19	6	3	4	22	17	40
Welling	23	6	4	2	21	8	4	3	4	18	17	37
Boston	24	5	3	5	21	23	5	3	3	18	17	36
Northwich	23	4	2	3	16	13	5	4	5	26	24	33
Fisher	25	6	3	3	30	24	3	3	5	15	19	33
Cheltenham	24	5	4	4	24	22	3	2	5	13	18	32
Yeovil	26	4	5	5	22	22	4	2	6	22	28	31
Sutton Utd	22	7	2	1	26	13	0	7	5	9	15	30
Telford	24	3	4	7	13	17	5	2	3	12	8	30
Altrincham	22	3	4	3	13	13	5	2	5	17	18	30
Chorley	26	6	1	6	18	18	3	2	8	15	27	30
Enfield	24	4	2	7	29	21	2	3	6	12	21	23
Stafford	24	5	0	7	20	19	2	2	8	12	28	23
Weymouth	23	4	5	3	18	18	1	1	9	8	27	21
Newport	26	3	3	8	15	21	1	4	8	11	30	19
Aylesbury	25	5	1	7	21	25	0	3	9	8	31	19

POOLS CHECK

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Linfield build six-point lead

Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, stayed cautious as his team opened a six-point lead at the top of the Smirnoff Irish League by defeating Glentoran, the champions, 3-2 at the Oval on Saturday (George Ace writes).

Coyle said: "Don't forget we squandered a five-point lead in two weeks just before Christmas."

To add to the grief of the Glentoran manager, Tommy Jackson, Caskey, the midfield player, was carried off with a depressed cheekbone and will be out for seven weeks. Coleraine and Bangor both stayed in touch with 2-1 away wins over Glenavon and Distillery respectively.

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FOOTBALL

Class of '68 gives Goodman approval

By Vince Wright

West Bromwich Albion . 1
Everton 1

After what happened to Coventry City, Middlesbrough and Tottenham Hotspur in the FA Cup third round on Saturday, Everton's relief at avoiding defeat against lower grade opposition was understandable. Everton should finish the job against the second division leaders in the replay at Goodison Park on Wednesday, although Brian Talbot, the West Bromwich Albion player-manager, does not believe that his side has lost the advantage.

It was just like old times at The Hawthorns with long queues at the turnstiles and a crowd of more than 30,000 bringing record receipts. The atmosphere crackled. Another reminder of days gone by was the appearance of the 1968 Albion Cup-winning team which beat Everton in the Final. The players, who were given a rousing reception, would have approved at the way the Albion of 1989 set about their task.

An upset looked likely in the opening stages as Albion played more like the first division outfit but from the moment the Midlanders scored after 28 minutes. Everton, with Nevin, Steven, Sheedy and Southall prominent, gave as good as they got.

Everton's chief worry for the replay will be how to contain the Albion forward, Goodman, who, at 22, is an outstanding prospect. On Saturday they used foul means more than fair and there were bookings for Pointon and Snodin. Van den Hauwe, replacing the injured Watson at centre half, should also have been shown the yellow card for his rough treatment of Goodman, whose speed and mobility will unhinge many more defences.

Goodman was the architect of Albion's goal. He collected a quickly taken throw in by Hopkins on the right flank and centred perfectly for Anderson, at full pelt, to head fiercely past Southall. Six minutes before half-time, Anderson fractured his cheekbone in a collision with Van den Hauwe and took no further part.

Albion suffered another blow shortly afterwards when they conceded an equalizer from the penalty spot. Robson was adjudged to have tripped Steven, although the referee only gave the award after protests by the Everton players. Sheedy found the roof of the net with his kick.

In the second half, fine goalkeeping by Southall and Bradshaw, a bad miss by Cottee and a foul by Bradshaw on the same player which went unnoticed by the referee, prevented any addition to the score.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: P Bradshaw; W Dobbins, A Albiston, B Talbot, C Whyte, S North, R Hopkins, D Goodman, G Robson, C Palmer, C Anderson (sub: J Paskin).
EVERTON: N Southall; I Snodin, N Pointon, K Ratcliffe, P Van den Hauwe, P Bracewell, T Steven, P Reid, P Nevin, A Cottee, K Sheedy.
Referee: A Gunn.

Corners ask few questions

By David Powell

Welling United 0
Blackburn Rovers 1

The feeling of "Why not us?" pervaded Welling's high street ground after the club's defeat on Saturday. The January sales were on and, for a few seconds, the football club joined in, a giveaway goal after 14 minutes putting the second division visitors into the fourth round.

"I thought we deserved more," Nicky Brigden, the Welling manager, said. He may have learned something from watching Sutton on television. Welling's bedmates from the GM Vauxhall Conference knew how to turn corners into goals: Welling failed to turn theirs — and they won more than Blackburn in both halves — into chances. They either went too near the goalkeeper or straight out of play.

Booker and Robbins looked lively but rarely menacing in attack. Barron, who appeared in goal for several League clubs, among them Arsenal, between his two spells at Welling, thought the players "did themselves proud". But, like Brigden, he recognized that the final ball into the box asked few questions.

"Terry Gennoe is a good, experienced goalkeeper who was quick off his line," Barron said. "That put pressure on the delivery." There was no pressure on Hildersley, the defence being split wide open by Garner's cross and Gayle's knockdown, for the diminutive midfield player to head the winner. Still, it was not all bad news for Barron. He works in sports management and one of his clients is Hendry, the Blackburn defender.

As good as a goal for Welling was that the mayor was impressed. Having progressed through the London Spartan, Athenian and Southern leagues in nine seasons, only the Football League remains but it may take a new ground elsewhere in the borough of Bexley for that.

"We think of ourselves as the green belt borough," the mayor said, which does not augur well for a new football ground. But Graham Hobbins, founder and general manager, has a motto. It may not come from the Barrie Williams school of literature but "never say never" has served Hobbins well up to now.

WELLING UNITED: P Barron; A Macdonald (sub: N Ransom), D Horton, J Glover, R Burgess, A Reynolds, S White, P Handford, T Booker, T Robbins, N Clemmence.
BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Gennoe; M Atkins, C Sulley, A Finnigan, C Hendry, K Hill, H Gayle, R Hildersley, A Kennedy, S Garner, S Sellars.
Referee: V Callow.

ATHLETICS

Tunstall soldiers on and may be admitted to trial

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Steve Tunstall continued his cross-country excellence in Belfast on Saturday by defeating a fellow-Lancastrian, Dave Lewis, yet again in the final 100 metres of the eight-kilometre Mallusk International, sponsored by Brooks.

After four close defeats in two months, Lewis must be able to paint a picture of Tunstall's back from memory. However, he remains undaunted. Both men agreed that they were as tired as they looked after three hard efforts inside four weeks, and they are unlikely to race more than once more before the world championships trial in Gateshead on February 11. Officials have no objection to Tunstall taking part, but the leading athletes should be canvassed first.

Tunstall is inured to the fact that his international career cannot begin in time for the world championships, since, as a member of the French Foreign Legion, he ran for France in last year's championships, and must serve a suspension until just after this year's race in Stavanger on March 19.

At 24, however, he still has plenty of time to nurture his abundant talent, as the example of Kip Koskei proves. The Kenyan was third in last year's world championship at 42. But sciatica trouble has restricted his training, and he was eighth on Saturday.

There was great disappointment at Tim Hutchings's eleventh-hour withdrawal from the Belfast race since Hutchings has been as impressive in recent wins on the Continent as Tunstall has been at home. But Hutchings's late claims to a cold were felt by many locals to be in his feet rather than in his head.

Tunstall's and Lewis's fatigue may explain why Craig Mochrie stayed so close to them until the last of the five laps, but it was Mochrie's best performance, and he should certainly challenge for a place on the British world team, as will Nigel Adams, who finished seventh, just behind Deon McNeilly.

Jill Hunter had another runaway win, and, whereas Tunstall will be the top-class absentee in the men's team, Hunter looks like being the only top representative on a British women's team, which, if people such as Liz McColgan and Yvonne Murray were prepared to run, would win the world championship.

RESULTS (English unless stated): Men: 1, S Tunstall, 25min 02sec; 2, D Lewis, 25:04; 3, C Mochrie, 25:14. Women: 1, J Hunter, 17:21; 2, A Keenan (Ire), 17:38; 3, H Titterington, 17.54.

Nebiolo's world role questioned

Following his enforced resignation from the presidency of the Italian athletics federation (FIDAL), on Saturday, it would seem that Primo Nebiolo's position at the head of the international federation (IAAF) is similarly untenable (Pat Butcher writes).

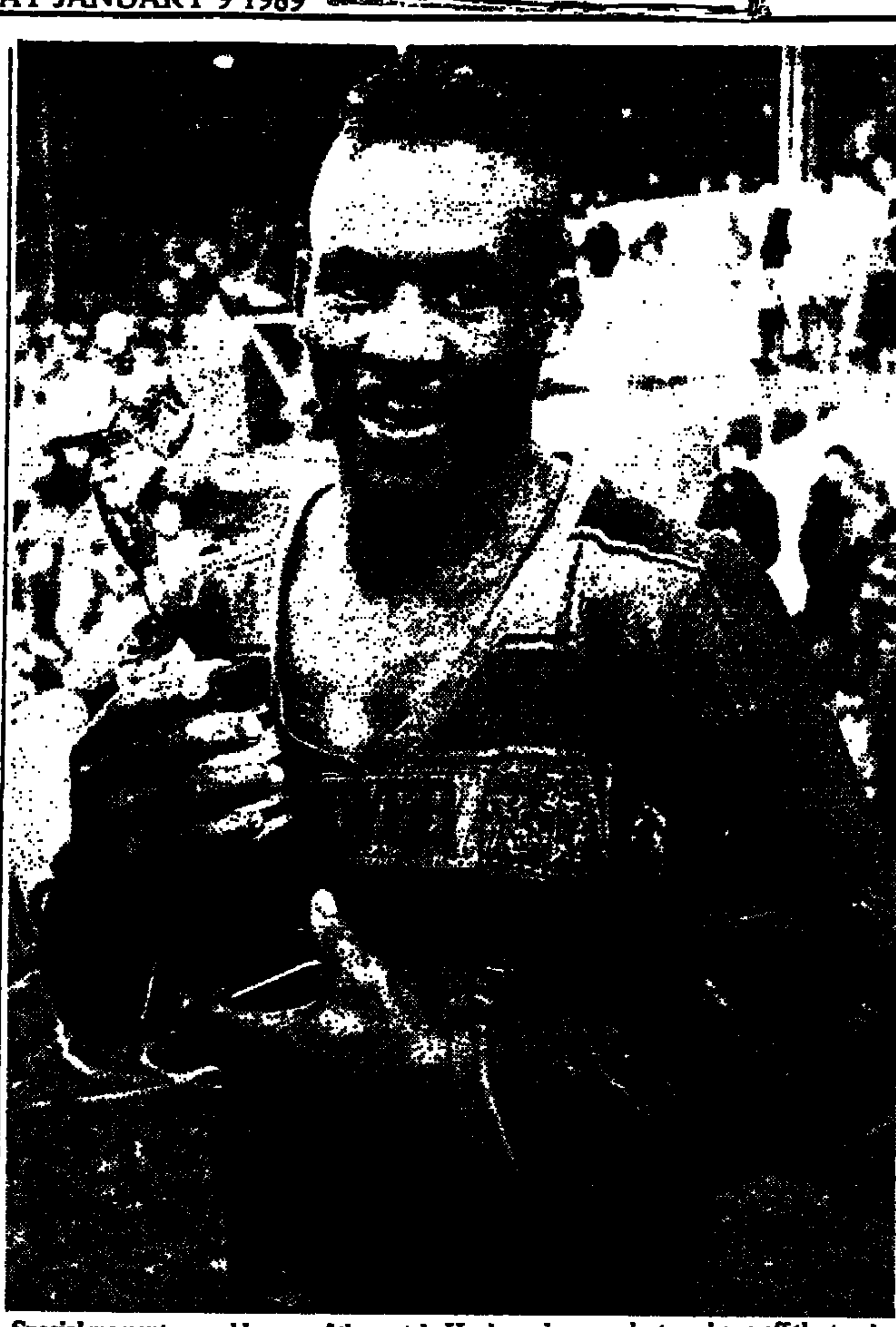
It should not be underestimated, however, how much support Nebiolo acquired when he pushed through the "one country-one vote" legislation on the nod at the IAAF Congress in Rome 18 months ago. Previously, long-term members, like Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, had as many as four times the votes of smaller or newer countries to the now 182-member federation.

Nebiolo's astute move changed that. One of the immediate results was the hugely strengthened African lobby, which was able to get rid of Zola Budd so easily. Whether they will be persuaded to renege on Nebiolo is a different matter when the Italian goes to the next Congress in Singapore at the end of this month.

For it was in Rome, at the world championships following that Congress, that the "Evangelisti affair" arose. The Italian long jumper was given a bronze medal, due to some blatant cheating by several officials, including Luciano Barra, Nebiolo's long time assistant.

Not only did a FIDAL investigation reveal nothing (it took direct intervention from the Italian Olympic Committee for the affair to be rectified), but Barra is still instrumental in IAAF affairs.

Despite Barra's expertise (and Nebiolo's ineffectuality in this domain), this is clearly unacceptable. If the "full account" which Nebiolo has promised in Singapore fails to convince, then the search for a successor would ensue.


Special moment: a muddy man of the match, Hanley, who scored a try, shows off the trophy

RUGBY LEAGUE

Davies is given a glimpse into future

By Keith Macklin

Widnes 6
Wigan 12

After the welcoming cheers of a 20,000 crowd had ushered him into his grandstand seat, Jonathan Davies had double reason to wince through the 80 minutes of this John Player Special Trophy final at Burnden Park on Saturday. Davies witnessed at first hand the ferocity of the tackling he can expect from teams of the power of Wigan, and saw his new Widnes teammates humbled by team dominant from start to finish, apart from one first-half blemish.

Davies also saw the standards he will be expected to reach as a rugby league player, embodied in a towering performance from the world's highest-paid player, the Wigan and Great Britain captain, Ellery Hanley. Whether driving past Widnes tackles, slipping out sharp passes, or dictating the Wigan tactics, Hanley stamped his authority on the game. He said: "Widnes got all the pre-match coverage with this Davies business. We got on with the job of showing that Wigan are still the top side."

Widnes, the champions and premiership holders, were allowed one brief moment of success. After Wigan had scored an early try through Kevin Iro, Shelford, the New Zealand forward, threw out a loose pass near the halfway line. Wright gleefully snapped it up and raced 55 yards to touch down, Currier's goal giving Widnes a tenuous 6-4 lead.

However, Wigan again took play by the scruff of the neck, their tackling stifling every Widnes move at birth, and a Lydon penalty levelled the scores at half time.

Two minutes into the second half, a long-range Lydon penalty gave Wigan a lead they never looked like relinquishing, and for the remainder of the match it was a battle between continuous Wigan attack and desperate Widnes defence. The line inevitably cracked when Gregory, a substitute, threw out a long pass which Hanley took in full stride to swerve through.

One of the Widnes players who watched him helplessly was Martin Offiah, who did not receive a single scoring pass throughout the game.

SCORERS: Widnes: Try: Wright. Goal: Currier. Wigan: Tries: K Iro, Hanley. Goals: Lydon (2).

WIDNES: A Tait; R Thackray, A Currier, D Wright, M Offiah; T Myler, D Hulme; K Sorensen, P McKenzie, J Grima, M O'Neill, E Koloto (sub: P Hulme), R Eyres.

WIGAN: S Hampson; D Bell, K Iro, J Lydon (sub: A Gregory), T Iro; G Byrne, S Edwards; A Shelford (sub: A Goodway), M Dermott, S Wane, D Betts, I Potter, E Hanley.
Referee: J Holdsworth (Leeds).

GOLF

Froggatt the wry swinger

By Mel Webb

It is not being unkind to Mark Froggatt to describe his swing as a thing of no great beauty. He does, however, hit the ball a very long way indeed; and it was this power, more than anything else, that took him to a 3 and 2 victory over Jamie Warman in the final of the President's Putter at Rye yesterday.

Froggatt, aged 27, from Belfast, has a couple of idiosyncracies in his method which would bring tears to the eye of a David Leadbetter or a Bob Torrance. To be more specific, he sways at the top of his backswing and hits everything with a pronounced, if mostly controlled, fade.

Not that either is to be sniffed at. Curtis Strange sways, and he has won a buck or two, and Lee Trevino fades, which has not stopped him from picking up a few million pesos in his time.

Froggatt, modest young man that he is, would blush to be put in such exalted company. But he knows how to play to his strengths, and apart from a few hiccups, used them pretty well against Warman, his predecessor by five years when he captained Cambridge on 1978.

Warman, aged 32, who suffered uncomplainingly all week from a crick in the neck, has a fine swing which has given him as good a recent record as anybody in this competition. This was his second final, and there have been two more semi-finals in the last decade or so.

He was restricted by his injury to no more than a three-quarter swing, and was more often than not left behind by Froggatt off the tee. However, for nine holes he held his opponent without ever taking the lead.

Things started going wrong for him on the 10th, when he missed from a foot to go one down. Another short putt slid by on the next, and on the 13th he hit his second stroke thick, was still not on the green after four, and conceded the hole to go three down.

Warman got a hole back on the short 14th, but that was effectively the end of his challenge. Both players made an awful mess of the 15th, were each relieved, no doubt to escape with a half, and by the next it was all over.

Froggatt has reached a quarter-final and a semi-final in the last five years. This was, however, his first win. Perhaps a sway and a fade are not such bad things, after all.

RESULTS: Fourth round: R F Palmer (St John's, Cambridge) bt R J G Hurst (Worcester, Oxford), 3 and 2; J J N Caplan (Magdalene, Cambridge) bt T R Grew (Sidney Sussex, Cambridge), 5 and 4; J M T Warman (Selwyn, Cambridge) bt J R Barnett (Keble, Oxford), 5 and 4; M Yates (St Catherine's, Oxford) bt C L A Edington (Pembroke, Oxford), 2 and 1; T M Powell (Jesus, Oxford) bt D J Youngman (Brasenose, Oxford), 3 and 2; P M Froggatt (Clare, Cambridge) bt G D Wuollet (New, Oxford), 2 and 1; B G Streather (St Edmund Hall, Oxford) bt A J P Summers (Christ Church, Oxford), 3 and 2; J W T Rumble (St Catharine's, Cambridge) bt N A Theyer (Peterhouse, Cambridge), at 19th. Quarter-finals: Caplan bt Palmer, 4 and 3; Warman bt Yates, 2 and 1; Froggatt bt Powell, 1 hole; Streather bt Rumble, 1 hole. Semi-finals: Warman bt Caplan, 2 and 1; Froggatt bt Streather, 4 and 3. Final: Froggatt bt Warman, 3 and 2.

SNOOKER

Warm-up routine upsets Higgins

By Steve Acteson

Independent Television's decision to "warm up" the crowd at the Mercantile Credit Classic through their eccentrically dressed racing pundit, John McCririck, was greeted with laughter from everyone but Alex Higgins, who was heavily beaten in Blackpool yesterday.

Higgins, who has fallen to nineteenth in the provisional rankings, was incensed over the routine as ITV waited to go live at 1.15pm — the 15-minute delay was made with the approval of the players and tournament officials — and after being whitewashed for the fourth time in his career and beaten for the first time by Joe Johnson, a fellow former world champion, he voiced his disapproval.

"I was bemused for four frames. I was amazed to see a warm-up man out there before we started; it took something away from what we were trying to do. This is not show business, this is a professional sport and next we'll be having a clapometer and matches will be decided by who gets the most applause," Higgins said.

Trevor East, ITV's executive producer for snooker, commented: "Alex thrives on audience participation and I find it incredible that he should complain."

That aside, Higgins, after falling 3-0 behind in a scrappy encounter, was his own worst enemy, as first a dreadful lunge at the final blue cost him the fourth frame and then, after recovering from 62-9 in arrears in the fifth with a break of 40, he again missed the last blue.

"Alex started to play well at the end," Johnson said. "It should have been 3-2, but those two missed blues cost him two frames. I think he was feeling the pressure."

Cliff Thorburn, another former world champion, also reached the last 16 with a 5-1 defeat of Graham Cripsey, who once earned his living by riding the wall of death in a circus fairground.

FOURTH ROUND: Yesterday: J Johnson (Eng) bt A Higgins (N Ire), 5-0; C Thorburn (Can) bt G Cripsey (Eng), 5-1. Saturday: D Mountjoy (Wales) bt N Terry (Eng) 5-4; W Thorne (Eng) bt D O'Kane (NZ), 5-3; A Knowles (Eng) bt D Reynolds (Eng), 5-4; T Griffiths (Wales) bt A Drago (Malta), 5-0; Friday (late results): S Francisco (SA) bt A Meo (Eng) 5-1; A Chappel (Wales) bt A Harris (Eng), 5-1.
TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: Fourth round (best of nine frames): 1pm: C Wilson (Wales) v David Taylor (Eng); Dennis Taylor (N Ire) v S Newbury (Wales); 7.15pm: W Jones (Wales) v E Hughes (Ire); P Browne (Ire) v S James (Eng).

HOCKEY

Hamburg profit in extra time

By Sydney Friskin

Hamburg, a superb West German side, won the Glenfiddich international indoor tournament at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, yesterday, but were taken to extra time and penalty strokes by the well-drilled Australians, Antipodeans. It was 5-5 at the end of normal time and extra time, the Australians having led twice.

The two leading Scottish clubs, Menzies Hill and Murray International Metals, who appeared in the final last year, played off for third place, with MIM winning 5-4 to reverse the previous result.

St Albans, the English champions, were sixth after losing 9-6 to Buccaneers, from The Netherlands. They missed Jennings, who needed an operation after being hit on the left cheek by a rising ball on Saturday in the match against MIM.

The England seniors, playing as the Roses, won the Butterman tournament at Crystal Palace with a 5-1 win in the final over Swansea.

England's juniors took seventh place in the invitation tournament at Arminen in Austria after beating the Austrian juniors 3-2 in the play-off series.

MOTOR RALLYING

Tails come out tops for Vatanen

The winner of the toughest rally in the world, the Paris to Dakar, will be decided not on 6,370 miles of back-breaking toil but on the toss of a coin worth no more than 50 pence (Jeremy Hart writes).

Under the glare of television lights in Gao, Mali, on Saturday, the head of the Peugeot team, Jean Todt, flipped a coin to decide which of his drivers, Ari Vatanen or Jacky Ickx, would assume the role of No. 1 for the rest of the event. Vatanen, in second place overall by only two minutes in the rally, chose tails. He won the toss and, barring mechanical failure or a late surge from the third-placed Mitsubishi driver, Patrick Tambay, he will win the rally.

Todt decided to nominate a team leader to prevent his £2 million team from knocking itself out of the rally and letting Tambay win. Hours before the toss, Vatanen rolled his Peugeot 405 for the second time. "I decided on the toss to stop fratricidal competition," Todt said.

RESULTS: Cars: Ninth stage (times are added to fixed three-hour daily stage time): 1, A Vatanen (Fin) and B Berglund (Swe), Peugeot 405, 2hr 00.01sec; 2, J Ickx and C Tarin (Bel), Peugeot 405, at 5min 17sec; 3, P Tambay and D Lemoyne (Fr), Mitsubishi Pajero, at 18.12. Overall: 1, Ickx and Tarin, 15hr, 02min 52sec; 2, Vatanen and Berglund, at 5min and 8sec; 3, Tambay and Lemoyne, at 2:09.48. Motorcycles: Stage: 1, S Peterhansel (Fr), Yamaha, 5hr 19min 32m; 2, C Neveu (Fr) Yamaha, at 21sec; 3, M Morales (Fr), Honda, at 30. Overall: 1, F Picco, 34hr 17min 04sec; 2, G Lalay (Fr), Honda, at 8:59; 3, Morales, at 1:23:24.

BOWLS

County have a double chance

Cambridgeshire advanced to the semi-finals of the Liberty Trophy for the first time when they beat Oxfordshire by 145 shots to 117 at Northampton on Saturday (Gordon Allan writes). They play Durham, the holders, on February 11, while Devon play Kent, who put out Middlesex 127-120 at Havering.

City of Ely won the National Club Championship for Cambridgeshire last season and the county have the chance to make it a double.

RINK SCORES (Cambridgeshire skips first): M Hicks, 21, G Herrington 13; A Blair 28, P Latter 15; P Jessop 29, W Mullen 15; D Cowling 33, R Killick 24; R Harlow 20, C Allen 23; A Entwistle 14, M Gallacher 27. Quarter-finals: Durham 131, Lancashire 108; Cambridgeshire 145, Oxfordshire 117; Buckinghamshire 119, Devon 124; Middlesex 120, Kent 127.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

RAF COSFORD: Omron Games: Men: 60m: 1, M Rosswess (Birchfield), 6.60sec (UK all-comers record); 2, B Williams (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 6.75; 3, E Obeng (Belgrave), 6.76. 200m: 1, J Ridgeon (Haringey), 21.54sec; 2, D Reid (Shaftesbury), 21.97; 3, P Davies (Blackheath), 22.41. 400m: 1, G Cadogan (Haringey), 48.35; 2, S Coupland (Sheffield), 48.53; 3, K Bentham (Thames Valley), 48.54. 800m: 1, M Steele (Longwood), 1min 49.74; 2, A Myatt (Sandwell), 1.50.23; 3, J Griffiths (St Helens), 1.50.38. 1500m: 1, A Geddes (Crewe), 3min 46.89sec; 2, B Dee (Luton), 3:47.78; 3, J Dunbar (Shaftsbury), 3:47.85. 3000m: 1, C Walker (Gateshead), 7:59.79; 2, M Flint (RAF Telford), 8:03.09; 3, P Taylor (Copeland), 8:08.95. 60m hurdles: 1, S Buckeridge (Birchfield), 7.78sec; 2, D Nelson (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 7.81; 3, N Walker (Cardiff), 7.83. Long Jump: 1, P Johnson (Longwood), 7.93m (UK Allcomers record); 2, B Williams (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 7.73; 3, S Faulkner (Birchfield), 7.50. Triple Jump: 1, D Browne (Belgrave), 15.65m; 2, J Sweeney (Thames Valley), 15.64; 3, W Green (Longwood), 15.52. Pole Vault: 1, M Edwards (Aldershot), 5.00m; 2, M Johnson (Haringey), 4.80; 3, S Leader (Enfield), 4.60. Shot: 1, P Edwards (Walton), 18.12m; 2, M Simson (Thurrock), 17.73; 3, N Gray (Shaftesbury), 17.20.
Women: 60m: 1, P Dunn (Stretford), 7.30sec; 2, W Hoyte (Hounslow), 7.39; 3, J Agyepong (Shaftsbury), 7.49. 200m: 1, J Harman (Hounslow), 24.38sec; 2, H Burkhart (Croydon), 24.69; 3, S Douglas (Blackley), 24.85. 400m: 1, S Peak (Stretford), 55.65; 2, L Parry (Derby), 56.00; 3, M Hammond (Coventry), 56.93. 800m: 1, M Kitson (Hounslow), 2min 07.24sec; 2, K Hutchason (Berryhill), 2:08.24; 3, D Gunning (Swindon), 2:11.36. 1500m: 1, N Morris (Essex Ladies), 4:11.24; 2, K Hutcheson (Berryhill), 4:11.50; 3, G Dainty (Birchfield), 4:18.27. 60m hurdles: 1, L-A Skeete (Swindon), 8.27sec; 2, K Morley (Cardiff), 8.38; 3, J Robinson (Lisburn), 8.48. High Jump: 1, D Davies (Leicester), 1.83m; 2, J Bennett (Epsom), 1.83; 3, C Summerfield (Birchfield), 1.83. Shot: 1, M Lynes (Croydon), 15.19m; 2, G Cooksley (Coventry), 13.90, 3, W Dunsford (Belgrave), 13.32.
HERNE HILL: Cross country (5 miles): 1, S Paton (Belgrave Harriers), 28min 02sec; 2, M Boyle (Herne Hill), 28:03; 3, K Jacobs (Hercules, Wimbledon), 28:09.
NORTH EAST HARRIERS LEAGUE (5.9 miles): 1, K Forster (Gateshead Harriers), 27:53; 2, A Gibson (Gosforth), 30:023. Team: 1, Sunderland 141pts.
HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE (10km): 1, J Boyes (Bournemouth), 33:58; 2, P O'Brien (Aldershot, Farnham and District), 34:00; 3, M Jones (Aldershot, Farnham and District), 34.10. Team: 1, Aldershot, Farnham and District 22pts.
METROPOLITAN LEAGUE (5.25 miles): 1, M Quinn (Highgate Harriers), 29:23; 2, T Maher (London Irish), 29:41; 3, M Bradford (Thames Valley), 29.45. Team: 1, Woodford Green 2625 pts.
EPPING: Road race (10km): Men: 1, J Goldrin (Woodford Green), 33:19; 2, H Emerton (Haringey), 33:49; 3, B Baker (Ilford), 34:34. Women: 1, A Hazel (Harlow), 40:39.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart: Queensland 305 (S Law 73, T Barsby 66, B Henschell 61; G Campbell 3 for 72, A De Winter 3-78) and 94 for 3. Tasmania 263 (T Hohns 5-50). Adelaide: South Australia 505 (A Hilditch 168, P Sleep 90, J Scuderi 67, D Lehmann 51. New South Wales 284 for 6 (M Taylor 86, G Matthews 64 not out, J Dyson 55).
SHELL TROPHY: Auckland: Match drawn. Otago 174 (R Hoskin 71). Napier: Central Districts won by six runs. Central Districts 252 and 329 for 5 dec (S Briasco 154 not out, T Blain 69, M McKinnon 4 for 131). Northern Districts 316 for 8 dec and 259 (G Hick, 105. D White 73). Christchurch: Match drawn. Wellington 330 for 5 dec and 204 for 9 dec (E McSweeney 67 not out). Canterbury 257 and 55 for no wkt.

BADMINTON

HONG KONG: World Grand Prix finals: Semi-finals: Men's singles: Xiong Guobao (China), bt Icuk Sugiarto (Indo), 18-13, 15-7; Zhang Qingwu (China) bt Zhao Jianhua (China), 15-12, 15-0. Final: Zhang Qingwu bt Xiong Guobao 10-15, 15-4, 15-8. Men's doubles final: J Sidek and R Sidek (Mal), bt E Hartono and R Gunawan (Indo), 10-15, 15-8, 15-8. Women's singles: Han Aiping (China), bt Hwang Hye-young (S Kor), 6-11, 11-6, 11-6; Lee Young-suk (S Kor), bt Li Lingwei (China), 11-6, 11-12, 11-8. Final: Han Aiping bt Lee Young-suk 11-1, 11-5. Women's doubles final: Guan Weizhen and Lin Ying (China), bt Chung Myung-hee and Hwang Hye-young (S Kor), 15-4, 15-9. Mixed doubles final: Wang Pengren and Shi Fangjing (China), bt A Goode and G Gowers (Eng), 15-6, 15-8.
YORK: Yorkshire Open: Men: Semi-finals: N Panesar (Yorks), bt R Harmsworth (Essex), 15-11, 15-4; M Adams (Yorks), bt M Brown (Yorks), 15-12, 4-15, 15-9. Final: Adams bt Panesar 14-18, 15-8, 15-11. Women: Semi-finals: C Palmer (Hants) bt T Dineen (Essex), 11-2, 11-3; T Groves (Sussex), bt D Hore (Hants), 11-8, 11-5. Final: Palmer bt Groves 11-8, 11-1.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Derby 70 (Henderson 29, Lascelles 14), Livingston 80 (Colyear 17, Fogarty 13); Crystal Palace 77 (Ryan 24, Reshaw 18) Sunderland 85 (Sanders 23, Vaughan 21); Leicester 98 (Brandon 21, Donaldson 20) Glasgow 96 (Hayes 29, Clark 17); Hemel Hempstead 82 (Duncan 27, Keenan 18, Richards 12) Manchester Eagles 92 (Brown 26, Gardner 18, Kittles 15, Irish 15).
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Birmingham 103, Oxford 73; Corby 78, Cheshire Jets 81; Plymouth 97, Tower Hamlets 95; Stockport 57, Oldham 102; Worthing 104, Gateshead 118.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Boston Celtics 115, Charlotte Hornets 92; Detroit Pistons 111, Atlanta Hawks 88; Milwaukee Bucks 128, Washington Bullets 121; Utah Jazz 108, Chicago Bulls 92; Phoenix Suns 120, Dallas Mavericks 111; Indiana Pacers 123, Los Angeles Clippers 88; Los Angeles Lakers 118, Miami Heat 86; Portland Trail Blazers 147, Sacramento Kings 142.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Detroit Red Wings 2, Vancouver Canucks 2; New Jersey Devils 5, Buffalo Sabres 4; Washington Capitals 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 0; Winnipeg Jets 4, Los Angeles Kings 4. Saturday: New York Rangers 5, New York Islanders 1; Vancouver Canucks 7, Pittsburgh Penguins 5; Washington Capitals 6, Chicago Black Hawks 3; New Jersey Devils 5, Detroit Red Wings 2; Buffalo Sabres 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Calgary Flames 7, Edmonton Oilers 2; Montreal Canadiens 3, Boston Bruins 1; St Louis Blues 7, Philadelphia Flyers 4.

CYCLING

BREMEN, West Germany: Six-day race (after third night): 1, A Kappes (WG) and R Hermann (Liechtenstein) 254pts; 2, R Guenther (WG) and R Ilegems (Bel) 238pts; 3, D Clark (Aus) and U Freuler (Switz) 141. 8, D Thurau (WG) and T Doyle (GB) 68.

DARTS

Frimley Green, Surrey: Embassy World professional championship: First round: D Whitcombe (Eng), bt B Sinnaeve (Can), 3-0; A Warriner (Eng), bt A Bunn (Eng), 3-0; J Wilson (Sco), bt P Reynolds (Eng), 3-0; M Caris (Swe), bt T Nurse (Sco), 3-1; J Lowe (Eng) bt C Whiting (Eng) 3-0; D Hickling (Eng) bt B Vlaardingerbroek (Neth) 3-0; M Gregory (Eng), bt P MacDonald (Sco), 3-0; P Lim (Sing), bt C Johns (Wales), 3-0.

SKI JUMPING

SCHONACH, West Germany: World Cup: 1, A Dundukov (USSR) 224.0pts (89.5m, 88.5m); 2, H Schwarz (WG), 218.3 (86.5m, 88m); 3, K Sulzenbacher (Aus), 218.0 (88m, 87m).

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Swallow Trophy Open Under 24 singles championship: First round: D Martin bt H Ford, 15-2, 15-7, 15-4; P Maxwell bt W Entwistle, 15-7, 15-3, 15-0. Second Round: R Owen-Browne bt H Swinglehurst, 4-15, 15-12, 15-7, 15-2; O Bridgeman bt M Carr, 15-8, 15-7, 15-8; Martin bt J Mayer, 15-11, 15-12, 7-15, 8-15, 15-8; P Baily bt T Cockcroft, 15-13, 13-18, 15-7, 15-12; Maxwell bt R Neame, 15-1, 15-1, 15-12; M Hue Williams bt C Mason, 15-5, 15-10, 15-7.
Third round: Owen-Browne bt Bridgeman, 7-15, 15-4, 1-15, 15-7, 15-7; Baily bt Martin, 15-2, 15-7, 15-4; M Brooks bt Maxwell, 15-11, 15-10, 15-12; S Davies bt Hue Williams, 15-10, 15-10, 9-15, 14-17, 15-8. Semi-finals: Owen-Browne bt Baily, 18-13, 15-4, 15-4; Davies bt Brooks, 15-3, 15-6, 0-15, 15-11. Final: Owen-Browne beat Davies, 15-8, 15-12, 15-9. Sutton Trophy Doubles: First Round: Maxwell and S Harford bt Mason and Ford, 15-7, 15-8, 15-7, 15-9; Entwistle and Martin bt S Hesk and R Bonallack, 15-4, 15-8, 15-12, 7-15, 15-5.
Second round: Owen-Browne and Davies bt Bridgeman and R Connell, 15-8, 15-1, 15-0, 15-0; Brooks and Baily bt Maxwell and Harford, 15-8, 9-15, 15-2, 15-12, 15-4; J Longley and J Nance bt M Carr and J Mayer, 15-1, 15-2, 15-7, 15-7; Hue Williams and Cockcroft bt Entwistle and Martin, 15-9, 15-0, 15-3, 15-5. Semi-finals: Brooks and Baily bt Owen-Browne and Davies, 6-15, 15-10, 15-4, 15-9, 15-1; Williams and Cockcroft bt Longley and Nance, 9-15, 0-15, 15-1, 4-15, 15-4, 15-5, 15-10. Final: Williams and Cockcroft bt Brooks and Baily, 15-2, 5-15, 15-12, 6-15, 11-15, 15-12, 15-10.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Third round: Croydon v Leytonstone-Wingate. Second division north: Stevenage v Vauxhall Motors.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: League Cup: Second round: Eastwood Hanley v Morecambe.
ESSO UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Wales v Australia (Penydarren Park, Merthyr Tydfil, 2.15).
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Brentford v Crystal Palace; Charlton v Tottenham; Millwall v Reading; Plymouth Argyle v Portsmouth; West Bromwich v Southend.

OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Embassy world professional championship (Frimley Green).
SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic (Blackpool).

SPORT ON TV

DARTS: BBC2 2.50-3.50pm, 11.20pm-12.35am: Embassy world professional championship from Frimley Green.
SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 1-2am (tomorrow): Golf: United States Skins tournament. Football: European round-up.
SNOOKER: ITV 1.30-3.25, 5.10-5.15pm, 11.35pm-12.30am: Mercantile Credit classic from Blackpool.

HOCKEY

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Birmingham Municipal 2, Dunlop 0. Bournville 1, Leicester Westleigh 2, Bromsgrove 0. O Wulfrunians 0: Grantham 3, Boston 3; Kidderminster 1, Bridgnorth 0; Lichfield 5, Telford and Shifnal 2: Northampton Saints 3, Bedford 1; Nuneaton 2, Burton 1: O Silhillians 2, Wombourne 1; Rugby 2, Barton 4, Warwick 0, Landsdown 1. Worcestershire Indoor Tournament: Cheltenham 5, East Grinstead 5; Slough 7, Khalsa 6; Stourport 6, Kalsa 7; Welsh Dragons 6, Barford Tigers 10; Wombourne 7, Slough 8; Wombourne 4, Stourport; 7 Welsh Dragons 6, Cheltenham 8, Barford Tigers 10, Cheltenham 6; East Grinstead 4 Welsh Dragons 1; Wombourne 5, Khalsa 10; Slough 6, Stourport 7; Barford Tigers 1, East Grinstead 4. Semi-finals: Khalsa 10, Barford Tigers 9; Stourport 5 East Grinstead 1. Final: Stourport 8, Khalsa 5.
CRYSTAL PALACE: Butterman Indoor Tournament: Group A: Bromley 0, England 7; Harborne 1, Swansea 1; England 4, Harborne 2; Bromley 7, Harborne 4; England 3, Swansea 4; Bromley 1, Swansea 2. Group B: Hounslow 4, Fareham 5; Tulse Hill 1, Firebrands 0; Fareham 7, Tulse Hill 3; Hounslow 5, Tulse Hill 2; Fareham 4, Firebrands 2; Hounslow 7, Firebrands 4. Semi-finals: Swansea 7, Hounslow 3; Fareham 1, England 8. Final: England 5, Swansea 1.
PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: O Becceheamians 2, Maidstone 0.
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST. Club matches: Bank of England 2, Midland Bank 3, Barnes 1, Oxted 1; Blackheath 2, Weybridge Hawks 1; Gravesend 4, Ashford 1; Harleston Magpies 2, Norwich Union 0; Hendon 3, Gerrards Cross 0; Ipswich 3, Crostyx 2; Ipswich and East Suffolk 1, Pelicans 2; Norwich Exiles 0, Chelmsford 1: O Walcountians 3, Bexleyheath 0; South Saxons 3, Brighton 2; Spencer 1, Purley 3; Upminster 0 Westcliff 4; West Herts 1, Bishops Stortford 2; Wimbledon 6, Reigate 1; Winchmore Hill 0, Polytechnic 2; Windsor 3, Wallington 0; Woking 1, Winchester 0.
WEST. Club matches: Bath 1, Bridgend 1; Brean 1, Whitchurch 3; Cheltenham 2, City of Oxford 0; Gloucester City 0, Kings Heath 3; Isca 1, Bournemouth 1; Marlborough 4, O Bristolians 1, Newport 2, Frome 0; Swindon 3, Stroud 0; Swansea 1, Bath Buccaneers 5.

LUGE

EAST BERLIN: Men: Singles: 1, G Hackl (WG) 2min 16.643sec; 2, J Schettel (WG) 2:16.881; 3, J Mueller (EG) 2:17.358. Two-seater: 1, S Krause and J Behrendt (EG) 1:25.382; 2, J Hoffmann and J Pietzsch (EG) 1:25.668; 3, H Raffl and N Huber (It) 1:25.671. Women: Singles: 1, U Oberhoffner (EG) 2:08.357; 2, J Antipova (USSR) 2:08.813; 3, I Kussakina (USSR) 2:08.923.

MOTOR RALLYING

SWEDISH RALLY: Final positions: (Swedish unless stated): 1, I Carlsson and P Carlsson, Mazda, 4hr 58min 15sec; 2, P Eklund and D Whittock (GB) Lancia, 4.59:18; 3, K Eriksson and S Parmander Toyota, 4.59:57. 13, C McRae (GB) and D Ringer (GB) Ford, 5.13:28; 14, M Wilson (GB) and I Grindrod (GB) Vauxhall, 5.13:55. World championship standings: 1, Carlsson 20pts, 2, Eklund 15pts; 3, Eriksson 12.

NORDIC SKI-ING

MOSCOW: World Cup Cross-country: Men's 15km: 1, W Ulwang (Nor), 36mins 47.5sec; 2, P-G Mikkelsplass (Nor), 37:13.1; 3, V Smirnov (USSR), 37:38.8. Women's 15km: 1, Y Vjalbe (USSR), 43:23.9; 2, S Nagaikina (USSR), 43:36.3; 3, T Dybendal (Nor), 43:42.3.
KAVGOLOVO, Soviet Union: Men's 4 x 10km freestyle relay: 1, Norway 1:33:25.0; 2, USSR I 1:33:47.1; 3, Sweden 1:35 10.4. Women's 4 x 5km freestyle relay: 1, USSR I 52:00.1; 2, Norway 52:17.1; 3, USSR II 52:43.0.

LACROSSE

BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Senior division: Hillcroft 12, Purley 10; Keston 18, Buckhurst Hill 10; Beckenham 20, Croydon 2; Hitchin 15, Chipstead 15.
BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: Cheadle 8, O Hulmeians 3; O Waconians 9, Heaton Mersey 9; Stockport 13, Sheffield 9; Timperley 18, Sheffield University 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Final: Widnes 6, Wigan 12 (Burnden Park, Bolton).
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Halifax 21, Castleford 12; Hull 28, Bradford Northern 10; St Helens 15, Leeds 6; Salford 18, Wakefield 8; Warrington 60, Hull KR 24.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castleford	13	11	1	1	351	194	23
Leeds	16	11	0	5	361	214	22
Widnes	13	10	0	3	353	159	20
St Helens	15	8	1	6	309	304	17
Salford	15	8	0	7	311	313	16
Hull	14	8	0	6	198	213	16
Wigan	12	7	0	5	282	215	14
Warrington	14	6	0	8	278	275	12
Featherstne	14	6	0	8	243	340	12
Wakefield	15	5	1	9	217	337	11
Oldham	15	4	1	10	262	329	9
Bradford N	12	4	0	8	272	282	8
Halifax	14	4	0	10	198	272	8
Hull KR	14	4	0	10	239	373	8

SECOND DIVISION: Barrow 40, Hunslet 0; Bramley 22, Batley 6; Carlisle 52, Fulham 10; Chorley 22, Keighley 6; Dewsbury 10, Doncaster 36; Huddersfield 20, Mansfield 10; Leigh 56, Workington 1; Rochdale 36, Runcorn 6; Swinton 20, Whitehaven 14.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leigh	17	15	0	2	545	213	30
Barrow	17	14	1	2	410	173	29
Bramley	18	11	1	4	419	235	23
Doncaster	15	11	0	4	368	221	22
Swinton	17	10	2	5	406	297	22
Sheffield	15	10	1	4	380	195	21
York	16	9	1	6	387	229	19
Rochdale	16	9	0	7	394	348	18
Batley	17	7	3	7	290	252	17
Whitehaven	16	7	2	7	263	235	16
Dewsbury	18	8	0	10	297	484	16
Carlisle	17	7	1	9	278	280	15
Chorley	17	7	0	10	277	301	14
Keighley	15	7	0	8	283	381	14
Hunslet	16	5	1	10	239	322	11
Workington	15	5	0	10	229	324	10
Huddersfld	16	4	1	11	274	424	9
Fulham	15	4	0	11	235	350	8
Mansfield	18	4	0	14	198	500	8
Runcorn	17	2	0	15	168	554	4

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm, Glencoe, Glenshee and the Lecht: Still not enough snow for skiing. Forecast: All areas will start mild with freezing levels remaining above the summits and temperatures of about 2° C at 4,000ft; rain spreading from the west and will be heavy at times, with cloud base lowering to 1,000ft or less, specially over windward slopes; clearer, colder but showery conditions by midday; the showers will become heavy at times specially in western areas and will be wintry above 1,500ft; strong to gale force westerly winds will affect the slopes. Outlook: Showers will continue, being most frequent over Glencoe, before dying out later tomorrow; winds will be mainly strong westerly.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

RUGBY UNION

Warwickshire Cup Quarter-finals: Bedworth 17, Solihull 0; Kenesley 10, Barkers Butts 12; Nuneaton OE 12, Stoke OB 12; Stratford 9, O Leamingtonians 23. London Division Under 21 Championship: Sussex 0, Eastern Counties 10.

SQUASH

DUBLIN: Home international: Men: Ireland 4, Scotland 1 (Irish names first): J Mckay lost to M Maclean, 5-9, 0-9, 4-9, D Ryan bt F Ellis 10-9, 9-2, 2-9, 9-7; G Stewart bt A Thomson, 9-5, 9-1, 0-9, 9-7; J Hearst bt G Sword, 10-8, 9-6, 9-3; E Ryan bt D Ritchie, 10-8, 8-10, 9-2, 9-5. England 5, Wales 0: D Harris bt A Davies, 9-7, 9-4, 9-2; B Beeson bt C Jones 9-4, 9-7, 9-6; N Harvey bt A Evans, 9-5, 9-2, 9-2; G Williams bt G Davies 9-2, 9-1, 9-2; P Carter bt G Cairns, 9-6, 9-4, 9-3. England 5, Scotland 0. Harris bt Maclean, 2-9, 9-4, 1-9, 9-4, 9-2; Beeson bt Ellis, 9-1, 9-1, 9-3; Harvey bt Thomson, 9-3, 9-2, 9-3; J Hickox bt Sword, 4-9, 9-4, 9-3, 9-2; Carter bt Ritchie, 9-4, 9-2, 9-7. Final Positions: 1, England; 2, Wales; 3, Ireland; 4, Scotland. Women: Ireland 5, Scotland 0: R Best bt S Brown, 9-10, 9-7, 9-0, 9-3; M Croke bt A Crookshank, 9-5, 9-2, 9-5; C Collins bt L Philips, 9-3, 9-1, 9-6; B Conway bt L Wyllie, 10-9, 4-9, 9-7, 9-4; J McGaughey bt J Sutherland, 8-10, 9-6, 4-9, 9-5, 9-5. England 5, Wales 0: M Le Moignan bt S Fury, 9-0, 9-2, 9-2; A Cumings bt S Johnson, 9-0, 9-1, 9-1; F Geaves bt S Stevenson, 9-3, 9-10, 9-7, 9-7; D Vardy bt H Barnard, 9-4, 9-4, 9-0; S Wright bt C Davies, 9-3, 9-6, 9-2. England 5, Ireland 0. Le Moignan bt Best 9-2, 9-4, 9-5, Cumings bt Croke, 9-4, 9-1, 9-4; Geaves bt Collins 9-5, 9-3, 9-1; S Horner bt Conway, 9-1, 9-3, 9-0; Vardy bt E Jackson, 9-1, 9-0, 9-7. Final Positions: 1, England; 2, Ireland; 3, Scotland; 4, Wales.

TABLE TENNIS

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia: Asia-Europe Championships: Men: First round: Asia bt Europe 5-1. M Koji (Japan) lost to J Persson (Sweden), 13-21, 21-14, 20-22. Wu Wen-Chia (Taiwan) bt D Douglas (England), 21-11, 21-10; Kim Taek-Soo (S Kor) bt A Mazunov (USSR), 21-19, 21-23, 21-19; Wu bt Persson 22-20, 21-15; Koji bt Mazunov 21-18, 21-16; Kim bt Douglas 21-19, 21-15. Second round: Asia bt Europe 5-2: Lo Chuen Tsung (HK) lost to Primac Zoran (Hung), 19-21, 19-21; Chen Longcan (China) lost to L Kuchirsky (Pol), 21-17, 9-21, 14-21, Teng Yi (China) bt G-Z Bohm (WG), 17-21, 21-10, 21-16, Chen bt Zoran 21-13, 21-11; Lo bt Bohm 21-8, 14-21, 21-19; Teng bt Kuchirsky 21-18, 21-13; Chen bt Georg 22-20, 21-19.
Women. First round: Europe bt Asia 5-3. D Guergueltcheva (Bul) lost to Lee Tae-Jo (S Kor), 20-22, 21-19, 14-21; F Bulatova (USSR) bt M Hoshino (Japan), 21-19, 15-21, 21-17; O Nemes (WG) lost to Li Hui Fen (China), 15-21, 21-15, 17-21; Bulatova bt Lee 21-17, 15-21, 21-15; Guergueltcheva bt Li 23-21, 21-17; Nemes bt Hoshino 21-17, 21-18. Bulatova lost to Li 11-21, 10-21; Nemes bt Lee 21-13, 21-13.
Second round: Asia bt Europe 5-0: Chai Po Wa (HK) bt F Gaena (Pol), 21-8, 21-11; Chen Jing (China) bt R Hrachova (Czech), 21-8, 21-19; Hyung Jun-Hwa (S Kor) bt C Bastori (Hung), 13-21, 21-12, 21-15; Chen bt Gasna 21-11, 21-7; Chai bt Bastori 12-21, 21-17, 22-20.

TENNIS

WELLINGTON: BP New Zealand Championship: Semi-finals: S Matsuoka (Japan), bt G Michibata (Can), 6-0, 6-3; K Evernden (NZ), bt P Chamberlin (US), 6-2, 6-4. Final: Evernden bt Matsuoka 7-5 6-1 6-4. Doubles Final: P Doohan (Aus), and L Warder (Aus) bt R Baxter (US) and G Michibata (Can), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.
BRISBANE: Australian Women's hard-court championships: Semi-finals: B Schultz (Neth), bt J Byrne (Aus), 6-1, 2-6, 6-4; H Sukova (Czech), bt P Fendick (US), 6-2, 6-4. Final: Sukova bt Schultz, 7-6, 7-6.
ADELAIDE: South Australian Men's Open: Semi-finals: M Woodforde (Aus), bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-2, 7-5; P Kuhnen (WG), bt V Poloneimo (Fin), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Final: Woodforde bt Kuhnen, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: African Zone, Group A: Nigeria 1, Gabon 0. Group B: Kenya 1, Malawi 1. Group C: Cameroon 1, Angola 1. Group D: Morocco 1, Zambia 0; Zaire 3, Tunisia 1.
SPANISH: Real Oviedo 1, Sporting Gijon 0; Real Sociedad 2, Osasuna 1; Real Betis 0, Valencia 0; Real Madrid 4, Elche 2; Real Zaragoza 2, Español 1; Real Valladolid 1, Malaga 0; Barcelona 3, Cadiz 0; Real Murcia 1, Atlético Madrid 1, Celta 1, Seville 0; Logrones 1, Athletic Bilbao 1. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 17, 29pts; 2, Barcelona 17, 27; 3, Valencia 17, 21.

VOLLEYBALL

Royal Bank of Scotland National League: Men's First division: WH White Poole 1, Star Aquila 3; Liverpool City 3, Time Out Spark 0; Reebok Redwood Lodge 0, Malory 3; Polonia 3, Bradford 0; Hilton Leeds 3, Capital City 1; Speedwell Rucanor 3, Staffordshire Moorlands 2. Women's First division: Britannia 3, Hilton Leeds 0; Ashcombe Syenco 1, Sovereign Leasing Sale 3; Ashcombe Syenco 2, Hilton Leeds 3; MG Wessex 0, Brixton Knights 3; NM Portsmouth 3, Southsea Scorpions 1.

WORLD DEAF GAMES

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: BASKETBALL: United States 133, Australia 55.
CYCLING: 1,000m sprint: 1, J Schmitz (US); 2, P Wood (US), 3, V Parikka (Fin).
FOOTBALL: Great Britain 4 WG 2.
SHOOTING: Three position, smallbore rifle: 1, L Petterson (Swe) 1131; 2, W Metzger (WG) 1129; 2, J Holden (Nor) 1115. Three position teams: 1, WG, 3321pts; 2, Norway, 3264pts; 3, Denmark, 3243pts. Rapid fire pistol: 1, J Steenstra (Neth), 570pts (283, 287); 2, T Jacobsen (Nor), 530pts (271, 259); 3, A Kreinz (WG), 508pts (260, 248).
TABLE TENNIS: Men: Japan 5, Kuwait 0; India 5, China 2; Japan 5, India 0; Spain 5, Kuwait 1; Japan 5, China 0; India 5, Spain 0; China 5, Spain 0; India 5, Kuwait 0; WG 5, USSR 1; Israel 5, New Zealand 2; WG 5, Israel 0; USSR 5, Hong Kong 2; WG 5, New Zealand 0; Hong Kong 5, Israel 1; Hong Kong 5, New Zealand 1; USSR 5 Israel 2. Women: Japan 3, China 0; USSR 3, Spain 0; China 3, Spain 0; USSR 1, Japan 3, Hong Kong 3, New Zealand 0; WG 3 Hong Kong 0.
WRESTLING: Graeco-Roman: J McDaniel (US) bt R Hache (Can), fall; E Pordel (Iran) bt I Omarov (USSR), pts; H Torbati (Iran) bt R Carner (Can), fall, G Koev (USSR) bt I Katev (Bul), pts; V Masaev (USSR) bt Y Mercan (Turkey), fall; Y Pour Ahmandi (Iran) bt G Cruzan (US), pts, Y Poor Ahmandi bt P Morten (Can), disq; O Alanmedov (USSR) bt K Calep (Turkey), pts; H Gamidov (USSR) bt M Demir Bilgin (Turkey), fall; K Karamad (Iran) bt J Castenedo (US), fall; V Kulmasov (USSR) bt A Saglam (Turkey), fall; R Rani (Iran) bt P Milenkov (Bul), pts; I Otamis (Turkey) bt M Stoyanov (Bul), pts; R Poladishvili (USSR) bt H Poosheh (Iran), pts; K Karamad (Iran) bt T Hart (US), fall; V Stepanov (USSR) bt C Kambourov (Bul), pts; N Bulgaev (USSR) bt M R Dabaghi (Iran), pts; K Kornkven (US) bt M Reedy (Aus), disq; McDaniel bt B Atabay (Turkey) pts; Torbati bt Y Morgul (Turkey), fall; Katev bt K Wilson (US) fall; A Kremov (Bul) bt V Masaev (USSR), disq; Morten bt I Buckingham (US pts; N Roussinov (Bul) bt K Gelep (Turkey), pts.

Seven up for coach

Terry Dennison, the coach of the Olympic champion, Adrian Moorhouse, has been named Speedo swimming coach of the year. Dennison, from Leeds, wins the award for a record seventh time.

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Arsenal toast their workaholic

By Clive White

West Ham United 2
Arsenal 2

With a gritty resilience that augurs well for their powerful championship aspirations, Arsenal fought back from two goals down to force a replay against West Ham United in a vibrant FA Cup third-round tie at Upton Park yesterday.

For their continued involvement in this competition Arsenal had principally to thank Merson, their workaholic forward, who scored both of their goals, bringing his tally to eight in 10 games.

It would be nice to say that West Ham, bottom of the first division, had deserved to beat the first division leaders and for 45 minutes that would have been true. They performed without inhibition, forcing Arsenal on to their heels with the sort of incisive football that has been largely absent from their game this season.

Ever alert to the possibilities of turning the lofty Arsenal back four, West Ham went ahead after 18 minutes following a lofted ball from Devonshire, himself busily turning back the years. With the Arsenal centre backs conspicuous by their absence, Richardson was first to the ball but it broke unkindly over his head and Dickens ran through to score.

Arsenal were slow to establish any rhythm, though they had by that time already pieced together the most fluent movement of the game, a *glorious five-man move down* the right flank, which was begun by Smith and finished by the same player when he steered the ball just wide of the far post.

Much of the football was as frenetic as one would expect from a local Cup derby, but only once did the occasion get the better of the contestants when Brady, with Richardson hacking away at him from behind, turned and struck the

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



It takes more than two to spike a Gunner: Dicks and Stewart, on combined ground operations for West Ham, cannot stop the advance of Rocastle

Arsenal player with his forearm. *It was the sort of* flashpoint which needed the sympathetic understanding of the referee and Neil Midgley was not found wanting, warning both players of where a repetition of such behaviour would lead them.

With a shade more ruthlessness in their finishing, West Ham might have had Arsenal in even more trouble than they did. Kelly continued to run cheerfully up culs-de-sac but might have scored on one *occasion after neat work by* Rosenior, had he chosen the right foot to finish with, by which I mean the left.

When Potts hoisted the ball high and hopefully towards the Arsenal goalmouth four minutes before half-time everyone among the crowd of 22,017 must have expected it to be gratefully received by Lukic, the Arsenal goalkeeper. But under pressure from Bould, his own centre back, as much as Dickens, he failed to *make a connection with his* fist and the ball bounced off Bould's head to sail serenely just under the crossbar.

John Lyall, the West Ham manager, felt that had West Ham kept their two-goal lead for those last few minutes before the interval, Arsenal would have gone in at half-time a broken team. Unfortunately for West Ham, Merson's spirit was very much intact and, racing on to a pass from Richardson, he drove singlemindedly towards the West Ham goal, cutting across Kelly's challenge to thump the ball low past McKnight for the cleanest goal of the afternoon.

Arsenal came out for the second half with a greater sense of purpose and self-belief. West Ham were finally pegged back in the 65th minute, three minutes after Rosenior had failed to get the angle right to a finishing touch. Smith got his head to a corner by Marwood, Bould headed on and Merson instinctively stuck out a foot to send the ball slithering through McKnight's fingers and through two defenders on the goal line.

WEST HAM UNITED: A McKnight; R Stewart, J Dicks, S Potts, A Martin, A Devonshire (sub: K Keen), L Brady, D Kelly, L Rosenior, A Dickens, P Ince.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; D O'Leary, N Winterburn, M Thomas, S Bould, A Adams, D Rocastle, K Richardson, A Smith, P Merson, B Marwood (sub: P Groves)

Referee: N Midgley.

Coe's indoor place seen as fence-mender

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Sebastian Coe has been preselected for Britain's European *indoor championships* team in a move which can be seen as little other than an apology on the part of the administration. Four months ago, Coe was rejected by the British Athletics Board council after the selectors had unanimously nominated him to a place in the Olympics.

At the time, pointed reference was made by Tony Ward, the Board spokesman, to "old lions and young cubs". But it seems that this is an attempt to withdraw the thorn. Coe has not run indoors at 800 metres (the distance at which he has been selected) since he set the world best time of 1min 44.91sec six years ago. His two indoor races at 3,000 metres last year were as disastrous as his run in the Olympic 1,500 metres trial.

None of that is to say that Coe cannot produce a winning performance, to emulate his international emergence when he won this title in San Sebastian in 1977. At the end of last season, Coe was back under 1:44 outdoors. It is simply that, without the benefit of an indoor performance this year, the Board's undue haste is redolent of a collective heavy conscience. Or perhaps the "old lion" has too many friends in other arenas.

Among the other preselections for this year's championships in The Hague on February 18 and 19 is Michael Rosswess, who produced the domestic athletic performance of the weekend in setting a United Kingdom allcomers' best of 6.60sec while winning his first indoor 60 metres.

This time last year, Rosswess was barely known in his home town of Birmingham. But, having started to take training seriously just the previous year to alleviate the boredom of unemployment, Rosswess then crept into the Olympic team as the 200 metres third man. He made the final.

Rosswess's 60-metres time has only been beaten by Linford Christie, when the latter won the European title in 6.55sec in Budapest last year. Christie and Rosswess team up in the 60 metres in The Hague, while John Regis partners Christie in the 200 metres.

The other fine breakthrough in the Omron Games at Cosford on Saturday was the 7.93 metres long jump by Paul Johnson. That wins him a place in The Hague with Stewart Faulkner.

TEAMS: (first group): Men: 60m: L Christie (Thames Valley), M Rosswess (Birchfield); 200m: Christie, J Regis (Belgrave); 400m: B Whittle (Haringey); 800m: S Coe (Haringey); 60m hurdles: C Jackson (Cardiff), T Jarrett (Haringey); high jump: D Grant (Haringey); long jump: P Johnson (Longwood); S Faulkner (Birchfield). Women: 60m: P Dunn (Stretford); 400m: S Gunnell (Essex Ladies); high jump: D Davies (Leicester).

Budd rejects apartheid

Johannesburg — Zola Budd, the South African-born athlete, made her strongest statement against apartheid in an interview published yesterday, after dithering on the subject *for some days (Ray Kennedy* writes).

"Even the state President, Mr P. W. Botha, has rejected apartheid and I hold the same view," she said in the *Sunday Star*, a Johannesburg newspaper. "To discriminate against people on the basis of colour is not acceptable to me."

Budd, aged 22, added that she based her rejection of apartheid on her Christian beliefs. "I cannot reconcile racial separation based on colour with the teaching of the Bible," she said. "I believe all people are equal before God *and I am certain there is no* discrimination in heaven."

Budd also said that a television documentary giving the "final word" on her plans is close to completion and will be released internationally on Saturday. In an interview with the BBC, Budd said she wanted to resume her athletics career in Britain, but the programme is not due to be screened until April.

Spaniards pursue Dutchman

Madrid (Reuter)— The Spanish football teams, Real Madrid and Barcelona, are bidding against each other to sign the Dutch international player, Ronald Koeman.Leo Beenhakker, the manager of Real, said: "Koeman prefers to play in Spain rather than in Italy.

Barcelona were reported to be offering PSV Eindhoven, the European Cup-holders, £3.8 million for Koeman, and more than £700,000 per season to Koeman himself. Real Madrid were said to be offering just under £3 million to PSV and £2.4 million to Koeman over four years.

Juventus, the Italian club, are also said to be interesting in signing Koeman, who played an important part in The Netherlands' successful European championship campaign last summer.

Norwich have all the luck going

By David Miller

Port Vale 1
Norwich City 3

Port Vale yesterday proved that Sutton were not lucky the day before. Almost anyone can knock a first division side out of the FA Cup on their day, as the gap between rich and poor — in ability — narrows with every year. Having toppled Tottenham last year, Port Vale were now less than half an hour away from doing the same to Norwich.

Only a superbly struck drive from some 25 yards by Townsend, Norwich's left-sided central midfield player, brought his sagging team to life when he equalized in the *64th minute.*

Barely two minutes later, Port Vale had the misfortune, or Norwich the luck according to your view, when Fleck's shot from a wide angle struck Grew, the Port Vale goalkeeper, the ball spun high in the air, and dropped into the goal- mouth where Sproson, scorer of the winning goal against Spurs, headed into his own net when attempting to clear the ball over the bar.

It should be said that the bouncing ball would probably have screwed into the net without Sproson's unwilling assistance, yet for that first hour, Norwich had looked anything but a team setting the pace in the first division. The first half had been almost exclusively Port Vale's, Norwich attitude to a cup-tie being inexplicably pedestrian. Port Vale could and should have led by more than the fulsome shot from Webb, their right back, just after the half-hour.

To rub salt into the injustice, Norwich scored a third in a nine-minute spell when Townsend, taking advantage of a lame error by the ageing and by now immobile Futcher on the halfway line, carved through Norwich's defence to beat Grew with a taunting, beautifully judged chip.

The key to Norwich's escape, for that it certainly was, lay in the substitution of a less than virile Alan Taylor — the scorer of two goals for West Ham at Wembley in 1975, who had not played in a third round tie for nine years — by Fleck, who had not himself scored for Norwich since October. It was his touch, within four minutes, of Gordon's low cross back to Townsend that helped to open Port Vale's defence for only the second time in the match.

The winding trail of eager spectators wove right across the Five Towns an hour beforehand as a crowd of 15,697 made its way to this *fine old nineteenth-century* club, which is so much a part of the traditional fabric of the Football League. "Long may they, and it, continue.

The most persistent thorn in Norwich's side in the first half was Riley on the left wing, a kind of poor man's Alan Hinton, who had the beating of Culverhouse and put across a stream of teasing centres which Futcher and Beckford only narrowly failed to exploit. From a corner forced by one such cross, the ball was partially cleared and Hughes, Port Vale's left back, sent a thundering shot a yard or two wide: a flashlight that exposed Norwich's vulnerability but did not coax them out of their lethargy.

Webb's goal followed a nicely judged free kick by Hughes, following a foul by Phelan, the ball bobbing around the edge of the penalty area before Webb leapt upon it. For another half-hour it was the third division's second-placed club that looked the likely winner.

PORT VALE: M Grew; A Webb, D Hughes, R Walker, B Hazell, P Sproson, C Mills, R Earle, R Futcher, D Beckford, D Rlley.
NORWICH: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, A Linighan, A Townsend, D Gordon, A Taylor (sub: R Fleck), R Rosario, M Phelan, T Putney.
Referee: G Tyson.

Cup gives Sutton a face-lift

Sutton United will put the proceeds from their FA Cup campaign towards ground improvements which will bring their facilities up to Football League standards

The GM Vauxhall Conference club's 2-1 victory over Coventry City on Saturday *will contribute £25,000* towards improvements which will cost £100,000.

Dave Hermitage, the Sutton chairman, said: "Our eventual aim is the Football League and this Cup run will help us to progress without having to bring in outsiders to give us the necessary financial backing. We're hoping that we can move forward with the very loyal people who have served the club for years."

● The draw for the fourth round will be made live on BBC1 at 7.45 this morning.

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Lyle makes up for lack of practice

From John Ballantine, La Costa, California

Sandy Lyle moved to within three strokes of the leader, Steve Jones, aged 30, of Arizona, with a third successive 71 in the $1 million Tournament of Champions in a grey, third round that ended with heavy rain.

Lyle's manoeuvre into a very strong position to mount an attack upon this prestigious title, and a first prize of $135,000, was achieved despite protests from the Scot all week that he was "pretty rusty" after five weeks at home with no golf, that his putting was inconsistent (as it undoubtedly has been) and that he did not know "which way the ball was going".

Smiles on the face of the tiger? Only time will tell, but the big Briton certainly did not appear in any mood to finish poorly. His days of collapses at the close of tournaments, which have always been rare, seem to have disappeared. Lyle is old and experienced enough, as well as mindful of his ability, to to score well even when playing average golf; this is the sign of a champion.

Towards the end of Saturday's round, in which he again missed five early putts of less than 12 feet, he was in full rain gear and eager to get off for an hour or so on the practice range. This enthusiasm was a classic sign of confidence and an indication that the Scot knew very well that he had every chance of carrying off the top prize in this first event of 1989.

After all, he was five strokes behind Fred Couples going into the last round before his first victory of last season at Phoenix, where he will defend in a fortnight's time. Here, only Jones, Ben Crenshaw and *Lanny Wadkins* were in front of him.

Considering that he came here unprepared, Lyle has shown remarkable ability to get straight back into very much his scoring groove of last season. Naturally, the fine tuning is needed and he missed a dozen putts in his first 54 holes of less than 12 feet, mainly because he is ill at ease on these greens. He believes that the ball skids on top of the tough grass and runs inconsistently.

But his driving has been as firm and straight as ever, both with his wood and with his favourite 1-iron, which he had to have adjusted for better balance *halfway through the* tournament. Lyle has an uncanny ability to find the centre of almost every green from almost any place, as well as a talent for recovery that may not be quite up to the magic of Seve Ballesteros but is a considerable weapon in his armoury, nevertheless.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 210: S Jones, 69, 69, 72; 212: B Crenshaw, 70, 72, 70; L Wadkins, 71, 70, 71; 213: A Lyle (GB), 71, 71, 71; C Beck, 69, 70, 74; 214: D Frost (SA), 72, 70, 72; B Lehr, 73, 75, 70; J Sluman, 70, 71, 73; J Haas, 75, 67, 72; 215: G Norman (Aust), 71, 72, 72; B Glasson, 75, 73, 67; C Strange, 72, 70, 68; T Simpson, 71, 75, 71; M Calcavecchia, 72, 69, 75

Halifax humble league leaders

By Keith Macklin

The splendid uncertainty of sport was underlined yesterday when Halifax, the bottom club in the rugby league Stones Bitter Championship, beat the top club, Castleford, and inflicted upon their visitors their first league defeat of the season.

It was not a fluke, as Halifax dominated for long periods and led 20-2 before two late tries gave Castleford a more respectable scoreline. Anderson led Halifax superbly, and scored two tries, George getting the other.

Leeds missed a golden opportunity to go above Castleford by losing 15-6 at St. Helens. The Saints, who gave their front-row forward, Burke, his last run in their colours before today's expected exchange for Brendan Hill, of Bradford Northern, threw Leeds out of their stride with some powerful tackling.

Tries from Quirk and O'Connor, three goals from Laughlin and a dropped goal from Haggerty, secured the match for St. Helens. In their only burst of sustained attack, Leeds scored a try through Ettingshausen, to which Stephenson added the goal.

Salford beat a disappointing Wakefield Trinity 18-8, despite having Peter Brown, their New Zealand forward, sent off for hitting Thompson. Bragger, Shaw and Bentley touched down for Salford, and Kerry kicked three goals. Trinity replied with four penalties from Conway.

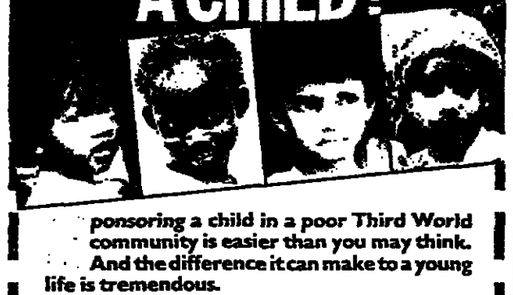
The fortunes of Hull Kingston Rovers go from bad to worse. Warrington beat them 60-24, a defeat which plunges them to the bottom and must trouble Roger Millward, their long-serving coach.

Hull continued their revival with a comfortable win over the declining Bradford Northern. After their defeat at Barrow in mid-week, Leigh, the second division leaders, came back to form with a convincing victory over Workington Town.

● Sheffield Eagles have signed Nick Grimoldby from Fulham and Gary van Ballen from Wakefield Trinity. Grimoldby joined Eagles on a month's loan and played at *Mansfield last week.*

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Sukova holds on to earn narrow victory

Brisbane — Helena Sukova, of Czechoslovakia, held off a strong challenge from Brenda Schultz, aged 18, here yesterday to win the Australian women's hard court tennis championships (Barry Wood writes). A 7-6, 7-6 victory gave the top seed her first title since she won at Eastbourne in 1987.

Schultz, of the Netherlands, held a point to take each set, but Sukova was able to weather the storm on each occasion.

Although acknowledging she was a little lucky to win, Sukova pointed out that Schultz still needs to iron out a number of flaws. "The serve is the key point to her game: if she doesn't have that then she's not the same player," Sukova said. "She's still missing too much and hitting too hard, and on some points you just can't do that."

Jo Durie will play Hana Mandlikova and Monique Javer plays Andrea Temesvari in the first round of the New South Wales Open, which begins today in Sydney.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Victory for Douglas

Desmond Douglas, who recently lost top place in the English table tennis rankings, played one of the finest matches of his career to beat the world champion, Jiang Jialong, of China, 16-21, 21-16, 21-17 and carry the European second team to victory against Asia's first team in Singapore yesterday.

Douglas lost his first match 20-22, 18-21 to Kim Ki Tack (South Korea), but changed his tactics from speed to variations of spin against Jiang. Europe, who trailed 1-3 at one stage, won 5-3.

Weak team

Britain is to send an *under-strength team to the World* Marathon Cup in Milan this April. Invitation races lure top-quality runners elsewhere, and Charlie Spedding and Steve Jones are not available.

TEAM: Men: T Hughes (Ballmacreen), M Bishop (Sutton Coldfield), F Clyne (Aberdeen), W Bedell (Tipton), M Thompson (Sheffield). Women: R Ellis (Hounslow), A Goodenham (Bournemouth), N MacDuff (Edinburgh AC), L Rushmere (Notts), A Bedee (South London).



Hick: hundred to no avail

Losing century

Graeme Hick, the Zimbabwe-born cricketer, scored a 105 off 121 balls for Northern Districts in New Zealand's Shell Trophy match at Napier yesterday. His side lost by six runs against Central Districts.

World mark

Vyacheslav Ekimov, the Soviet Union's Olympic champion, broke his own world 10km cycling record at the national championships in Moscow on Saturday, finishing in 11min 31.968sec.

Scots crash

Scotland's men went bottom of the home international squash rackets series at Dublin over the weekend following unexpected defeats to Wales, 3-2, and Ireland, 4-1, plus a 5-0 drubbing from England. England's women beat Ireland without dropping a game.

Rugby death

The captain of the Hong Kong rugby union team, Bruce Vogel, aged 36, collapsed and died during a match on Saturday.

Claydon listed

Russell Claydon, the English amateur golf champion, is included in the first of two national squad training weeks at Valderrama Club, Sotogrande, Spain from March 8 to 15.

SQUADS: First week: R Claydon (Cambridge), K Weeks (Brownhurst Manor), R Bardsley (Ormton), J Cook (Leamington and County), N Graves (Brokenhurst M), N Laconte (Berkhamsted), D Prosser (Dudley), S Richardson (Lee on Solent), R Willison (Ealing), G Wolstenholme (The Leicestershire). Second week (March 14 to 21): D Badrigate (Sandway), C Cappelle (Murcar), K Fairbairn (Berwick on Tweed), A Hose (Gleatord), W Hawker (N Staffordshire), N Holman (Worlaby), J Metcalfe (Arcot Hall), J Payne (Sandiacre), A Rogers (Ealing), M Smith (Brokenhurst M).

Algarve break revives England's confidence

From a Special Correspondent, Albufoeira, Portugal

The England rugby union team has successfully recaptured the spirit and confidence generated by the victory over Australia thanks to its third Portuguese sunshine break on the Algarve.

Will Carling, in the role of captain, is convinced that this is the case. The surprise introduction of Pierre Villepreux, the Toulouse coach, brought praise from all sides.

For Carling the exercise showed up a flaw in England's back alignment and that has been corrected. He said: "The only target we are looking at is the Scotland game [February 4] and if we don't beat the Scots we might as well forget about the Australia win and all that has been done here."

The Harlequins centre went on: "People will be coming to Twickenham expecting to see good rugby from us and our aim is to be ruthless against the Scots. I am not talking about thrashing them, just making sure we do not make the same mistakes as against Australia."

● Donal Lenihan and Michael Kiernan took no part in the physical side of the Ireland two-day training session in Dublin over the weekend, but both are confident they will be fit to face France at Landsdowne Road on Saturday week (George Ace writes).

● Serge Blanco, French full back, suffered a shoulder injury in a club match on Saturday and is doubtful for the game against Ireland.

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